

The Word became Flesh

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent - He came to His own

**John 1:10-13**

Ever been rejected by someone you loved or trusted?

Jesus understands - He came to His own

### I. He came to His own world

*World - 78 times = most often the world system but here most likely the physical world including humans created by God*

#### A. His own because He created it

**1:3 All things came into being through Him**

#### B. His world did not know Him

Know = acknowledge Him as creator and Lord

Understand who He was

Love or approve of why He came

Worship Him as Lord and master

Peter said we believe and know - **John 6:69**

### II. He came to His own domain

Neutral noun - things or property

All belongs to Him (Satan is a usurper)

The World is His inheritance

### III. He came to His own people

Masculine noun - people - the Jews, His kinsmen

#### A. He was born of royal heritage from both sides

He was fully Jewish, fully human

#### B. And these did not receive Him

Often connected with believing but simply the word "welcome"

Used by Jesus in **John 14:3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I**

**will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.**

Did not acknowledge Him as Lord

Did not believe the prophecy He fulfilled

Did not believe the miracles He worked

Instead they rebelled and put Him to death

## IV. He came to His own who received Him

### A. Individuals who choose to receive

"as many as"

Not by our family or church or race or merits

### B. Those who

Received and believe who He was

Received and acknowledged Him as Lord

### C. He gave the authority or right (indeed privilege)

To become - it mean a radical change

***All are children of God by right but not all given the right to become children by adoption into His family***

### D. Born of God

1. Not of blood (plural bloods)

Not superior human decent - Jewish

2. Not of the will of flesh

Not the efforts or exertions of human parents

3. Not of man

Not by an act or deed of man himself (will-power)

4. But of God

His power, His will, His way

John 3 - born anew by the Spirit of God

***John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.***

***1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ<sup>[a]</sup> has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.***

***Galatians 3:26 For you are all children<sup>[a]</sup> of God through faith in Christ Jesus.***

Today He comes through the Spirit of God speaking to our hearts

The choice is ours

We can refuse to acknowledge Him

We can welcome Him into our lives

What is your choice today?