**Sunday 4th December THE WORD BECAME FLESH John 1 v 1-18**

1. **To display his character**
2. **To give him a voice**
3. **To give up his lifeblood**

**Application**

1. **Take up – receive**
2. **Trust – the person( his character) the promises ( the voice) and the plan( the gift of his lifeblood)**
3. **Tell**

**Reading John 1 v 1-18**

**What does John say, is the purpose of his gospel John 20 v 30**

**Which words in Chapter 1 capture John’s passion to get his message over?**

**What are the characteristics of light ? 1 v9**

**What is the tragedy described in John 3 v 19**

**Describe some of the events in Jesus life that display his character. How have these characteristic encouraged you? (Possible verses Luke 3 v47,Matthew 8 v 26, Matthew 9 v 36, John 11 v 35, Matthew 9 v6;Matthew 26v 36-39) Choose your own examples**

**Discuss the impact of Jesus’ voice, on listeners 2000 years ago and also his words written down for us today. Which stories, passages or promises are particularly helpful for you**

**How does John summarise Jesus’ character in John 1 v14**

**How does that compare with God’s proclamation in Ex 34r v6**

**How ( much) is Moses permitted to see of God? EX 33 v19-23 . How does this compare with John’s experience ( Moses is permitted a glimpse as God passes by \_ John says we have seen him)**

**Read Hebrews 9 v 22 Discuss the extent to which this still applies**

**Read Leviticus 17 v 11 and Isaiah 53 4-6**

**Looking through Hebrews C 7-10 can you fin the verses that compare and contrast the old and new covenants – the table below may help**

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| **Old Agreement** | **The new agreement in Christ’s blood** |
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| **Weak and useless – making nothing perfect 7 v 18** | **A better hope by which we draw near to God 7 v 19** |
| **Sacrifices of imperfect, dying priests v 23** | **A sacrifice of a permanent, holy and pure Priest 7 v 23, 26** |
| **Made in a man made Tabernacle 9 v 11** | **Made in heaven 9 v 24** |
| **Offering the blood of goats and bulls 9 v12** | **Offering his own blood 9 v 12** |
| **Sacrifices, day after day 7 v 27** | **A sacrifice once and for all 7 v 27 when he offered himself** |
| **Gifts and sacrifices were not able to clear the conscience of the worshipper 8 v 18** | **The blood of Christ cleanses our consciences 9 v 14** |
| **It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins 10 v 4** | **We are made holy and perfect for ever. 10 v 10-,14** |

**1 Peter 3 v5 encourages us to tell others of the hope we have in Jesus. Encourage each other to put that hope into our own words**

**Pray for each other that in this Christmas season we may indeed be willing to say We know him! The Lord Jesus, the word made flesh**

**Prayers please:**

**The Fuller family**

**The Christmas Journey 12-14 Dec**

**Our church members meeting Weds 8pm**

**Join us on Zoom to pray tonight (Sun 4th) 7pm**