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TITLE	The Word Became Flesh
SERIES	God the Father could have just let us see Himself, but instead He sent Jesus as a human to reveal the Father to us. Didn't see that coming! Then Jesus was baptized. But isn't baptism an outward sign of an inward spiritual change? Didn't see that coming! Jesus' mission was to be our King and Savior, but He rode a donkey and died disgracefully. Didn't see that coming! And then there was the resurrection. Nobody saw that coming! What does all this mean?

1. Have you ever been pitched a tent with a group of friends or family? How did the camping experience help you bond?
2. What is the least necessary item you have packed in a suitcase for a trip? If you ever agonized over taking something out, what was the outcome of the trip without that item?
3. Share a memory of witnessing something that no one else can believe because they didn't see. Share a "Didn't See that Coming" example from your life.
4. God wants to be familiar with us. Read 1 Cor. 6:19. God dwells in us by His Holy Spirit. What area of your life are you holding back from God that is prohibiting Him from becoming more familiar to you?
5. He wants to know us personally. Read Exodus 25:8. He now dwells in us and we can know Him personally. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Describe a time that you experienced God's mercy and His grace. Explain what difference(s) this truth is making or could make to your faith walk.
6. Read 1 John 1:1-3. John witnesses to his readers that he saw and touched Jesus. We know John declared Jesus to be God explicitly in John 1:1 and implicitly in other places like John 8:56-59. How can the combination of all these strengthen your faith?
7. While Jesus gave up many of his Godly attributes, He still possessed supernatural Godly power. What thoughts might have run through your mind if you were living at that time and had the opportunity to meet Jesus?
8. How do we know Jesus in different ways than we would have, had he not shed some of his Godly attributes and become flesh and dwelt among us?
9. Growing as Christians is a continuous journey. How can we be the demonstration of grace in others' lives like Jesus is in ours? Share practical examples.
10. How is Jesus real in your life? Do you really believe that God's plan is the best even if at times it is different than what you think it should be?