Sunday – December 17, 2023 Advent Sermon Series: "When God?" Third Sunday of Advent – Incarnation



"When God Came to Dinner"
Philippians 2:1-4 and John 1:1-14

Christmas dinners are as varied as the families they represent. Some are all out affairs with packed homes. Some are tables set for one. No matter how big your dinner table is, Jesus is waiting to pull up a chair and bring something we all need.

Verse for the month, "in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word. *Titus 1:2-3*

What does Jesus the Messiah bring to my table this Christmas?

JESUS BRINGS_____

Read John 1:1-5.

Jesus has always been the Word of Life.

1 John 1:11- "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched- this we proclaim concerning the word of life" Forty-two times John relates Jesus to life.

Am I someone who sees Jesus as bringing life to me? To others? How is that seen in my life?
JESUS BRINGS:
Read John 1:6-13.
JESUS HAS ALWAYS BROUGHT
Read slowly through <i>Isaiah 9:1-2</i> . Israel was in a dark place. Dark leadership. Dark conditions. Dark times. God promised relief from the gloom for them. What "gloom" am I facing? How can God's promise of light dispel that gloom?
How can Jesus' promise here encourage me? "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12
JESUS BRINGS GOD:
Read Philippians 2:9-11 and John 1:14 and Isaiah 7:14.
How do these verses complete each other?
THIS WEEK:
How will invite Jesus to my table this season?
Who can I invite to sit next to him?