

1—Manifest in the Flesh

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INTRO:

I. → 1 Timothy 3:16

*Beyond all question, the **mystery of godliness** is great:
He was manifest in the flesh,
was justified in the Spirit,
was seen by angels,
was preached among the gentiles,
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.*

II. An early Christian hymn with six strophes

III. Mystery—once hidden but now revealed by God

IV. 1 John 4:2-3

Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

BODY:

I. Sacrificing Himself

A. Jesus gave up everything so the we could be saved.

1) **Philippians 2:6-7**

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

2) **DAD GOING TO NIGERIA AT 18**

B. In the same way Jesus calls us to lay down our own lives.

1) **2 Corinthians 8:9**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

- 2) "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."
—Albert Einstein
- 3) **WOULD YOU GO INTO PASTORATE AGAIN?**

II. Sharing Our Humanity

- A. Jesus became human to break the power of death.
 - 1) **Hebrews 2:14**
Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death.
 - 2) **HIS HANDS AND HIS FEET**
- B. It is only through humans that God rescues the world.
 - 1) **Colossians 1:24**
Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.
 - 2) **SITTING WITH DAD ON HIS DEATHBED**

III. Showing Us Love

- A. Jesus brought God's love into the world in the flesh.
 - 1) **Hebrews 2:9**
But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
 - 2) **LORD OF THE RINGS—I CHOSE A MORTAL LIFE**
- B. The world needs us to be the hands and feet of Christ.
 - 1) **Galatians 4:4-5**
But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.
 - 3) **THE KIDS ALL BONDING TO LITTLE ZIVA**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is [broken] for you; do this in remembrance of me."

25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.