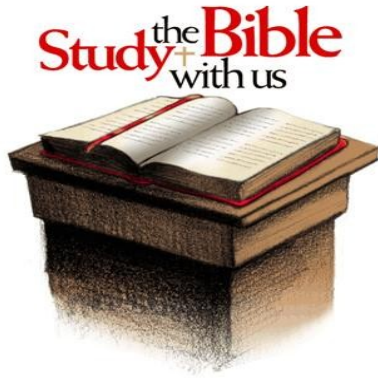


THE WORD AMONG US



The Bible, the inspired word of God, tells us of the living Word of God coming and dwelling among us. The apostle John began his gospel: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:1, 14). Jesus didn’t come into the world to simply **speak** God’s message—prophets frequently had done that. He came **as** the living Word of God. He is personally God’s greatest message to the world, conveying the love of God and offering hope to man. It is one thing to **read** God’s message. It is another thing to be led by that word to **see** that message embodied in a person. In Jesus we are able to see “*God...manifest in the flesh*” (1 Timothy

3:16). In Jesus we are able to know not only the God who is **above** us, but also “**among us.**” Or , as it was prophesied in Isaiah 7:14, and quoted by Matthew (1:23), “A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emanuel, that is, God with us.” Have you put your trust in the Word among us?