God with Us: Completed in Jesus

Read John 1:14-18

As God walked with Adam and Eve in the garden (Genesis 3:8), Jesus came delighting to walk among His people.

As God was to Hagar the "God Who Sees" when He met her needs in the wilderness (Genesis 16:13), Jesus truly *saw* the needy all around Him, talking with them, touching them, healing them, and feeding them.

As God revealed His presence to the undeserving Jacob (Genesis 28:10-22), Jesus acted out God's gracious presence and forgiveness to the most undeserving around Him, even those murdering Him (Luke 23:34).

As God came with fire, smoke, and awe-full terror on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19), Jesus came with gentleness and compassion, as one of us. Where the law brought condemnation on our weakness, Jesus brought grace and truth—the unfailing love and absolute dependability of our Heavenly Father (John 1:14-18).

As God tabernacled with His people in the wilderness (Exodus 25 - 40), Jesus tabernacled among us as God made flesh (John 1:14; see the NASB margin).

As the temple was for a time the symbol of God's presence and rulership among His people (1 Kings 6:12-13), Jesus is the eternal reality of God's presence and rulership among all who trust Him.

Jesus is

the Child born to us, the Son given to us, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

He is the virgin's son, the promise of our soon-coming deliverance. He is, now and forever, in every way, *God with us* (Isaiah 7:14).

Listen & Sing: You Came to Us (from LNWhymns.com)

© 2014 by Ken Bible