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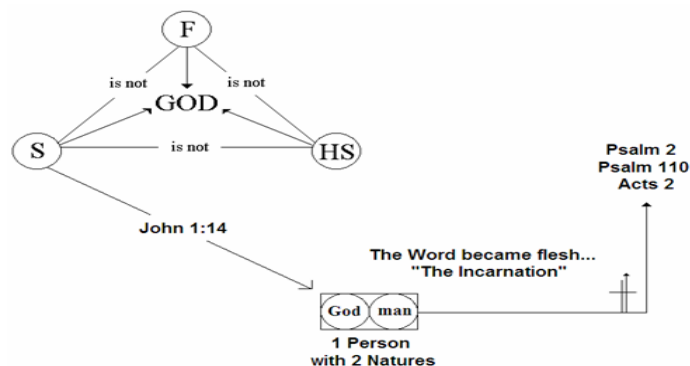
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John 1:1 and 1:14

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...
...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Incredible Interview John 3:1-21

Being Good or Even Great (in Human Terms) Isn't Good Enough for Salvation
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This Week (Letter "I" John 3:1-21)

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Next Week (Letter "J" John 4:1-42)

What Jesus Teaches about Salvation for an Immoral Religiously Unorthodox Person
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Salvation for a Moral/Religiously Orthodox Person

Nicodemus' Question: Complimentary But Calculated to/about Jesus v1-2

A Pharisee, named Nicodemus, who was a ruler of the Jews; came to Jesus at night and said to Him: Rabbi, we know You have come from God as a teacher because no one can do these signs/miracles that You do unless God is with him.

Nicodemus comes with the "Company's Agenda" and yet with an Open Attitude

Jesus' Answer: Controlled Laser-Like to the Core Question in Nicodemus' Heart v3

...unless one is born again he cannot see (experience) the Kingdom of God.

Jesus moves directly to the heart of the matter (The Important > the Expedient)

Nicodemus: Literally (and I Mean This Literally) Misses the Point by a Million Miles v4

How can a man be born (again) when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?

Jesus is "CLEARLY misunderstood" again (we saw this last week in 2:19-21 and will see it throughout the Gospel of John) but He isn't even a little bit surprised!?! He does often.....partly to veil truth from those who would blaspheme it but also so that those who truly want to profoundly respond to Him can....if they will make the effort to reflect deeply on His Word. Moving from Jesus-the Living Word, to the Scripture-the Written Word, while the MAIN THINGS in the Bible are PLAIN THINGS (and they get repeated a lot), there are some things "hard to understand" which unbelievers will distort but which wise believers pursue-embrace and apply....one more reason to pray for teachability every time you are in or under the Word of God.

Jesus: Brilliantly Clears/Corrects the Confusion of Nicodemus v5-8

Unless one is born of water [physically] AND of the Spirit [spiritually] s/he cannot enter into [see/experience] the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh [only physical] but that which is born of the Spirit is spirit(ual). v5-6

IOWs: The Lord is not talking about a 2nd physical birth, but a different kind of birth

Do not be amazed I said: you must be born again. This spiritual birth is like the wind. It blows all around you and you can hear it, but you can't see it-so it is for everyone who is born of the Spirit. v7-8

This second/different kind of birth/spiritual birth is real but invisible like the wind

Nicodemus Asks a Follow Up Question v9

Nicodemus said to Jesus, how can these things be?!?

We see here a Clergyman whose entire theological system has been shattered!?!

Jesus Challenges Nicodemus to "Embrace the Change" Based on His Authority! v10-15

Jesus: you're THE Teacher of Israel but don't understand these things? [Theo 101 Lesson 1a] we [John-TBJP & Jesus] speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen [and it's all true] yet you don't accept our testimony [because you trust in yourself for salvation/think you're good enough to earn salvation by being a good religious person apart from a new spiritual birth through faith.]. v10-11

If I told you basic earthly things [about entering a relationship with God] and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you deeper truths? Believe Me! I know what I'm talking about! No one has been to Heaven and come to Earth to teach about spiritual things except for Me: The Son of Man [Daniel 7:13-14]. v12-13

Just like Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness [Num 21:9 bringing physical salvation through a look of faith] I the Son of Man must be lifted up [on the cross] so that whoever believes [in the original language "pas ho pisteuon" = "all of the ones who believe"] in Him//Me will have everlasting life. v14-15

The Theology of Salvation for Moral/Religiously Orthodox People v16-21

For God [the Father-Architect of the Plan of Salvation] loved the world so much, with the result that He gave His [not "only begotten" = monogennetos but a totally different word monogenes = "unique/only one of its kind"] Son [Psalm 2], that all of

the ones who believe/trust in Him shall not perish [Lake of Fire Rev 20], but have [when they trust in Him] everlasting life (1:12; 6:40; 20:30-31). v16

For God [the Father] did not send the Son into the world, to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. The one who believes in Him is not judged [gnomic present: is not ever under judgment before God Romans 5:1/8:1] but the one who does not believe [in Christ for salvation] stands judged already, because s/he has not trusted in the Person/Work of the unique Son of God. v17-18

Here the Lord is thinking of people like Nicodemus: moral/religiously orthodox people who depend on their own merit/religious activities to save them. Jesus is strongly affirming: our best isn't good enough for salvation. Lk 18:9-14 and Gal 2:21; 3:21-26.

Ultimately this is why people face God's +R judgment: The Light [Jesus] came into the world [to do the work of salvation] and yet people generally [John 1:4-11] love/choose the darkness/falsehood rather than Him/the Light [trusting in their own person/their works for salvation]. For everyone who does evil/that which is wrong [in this context: clinging to personal righteousness/good works] hates The Light [rejects Jesus as the Light/Savior Who has performed the work needed for human salvation-the Exclusive Issue/Issuer of everlasting life] and does not come to the Light [in part] for fear her/his deeds will be exposed [as worthless re: salvation]. But the one who does experience [Jesus as] The Truth comes to The Light [through faith in Him] and result is: her/his deeds [good-good deeds as the fruit, the effect of salvation] may be manifested as having been wrought in God.

Take This To Heart

Martin Luther called John 3:16 as "The Gospel in a Verse" and it only becomes clearer and more beautiful (if that is possible) as we read it in its larger context (3:1-21) and revel in the truth salvation before God/the possession of everlasting life is not based on any good thing in us-but purely on the perfections of the Person/Work of our Savior-the Lord Jesus Christ!

As believers, saved by grace through faith it is now our responsibility and privilege to live for the ONE who died for us (Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 2:10) to live and share the grace of God in our lives with others and not just on Sunday AMs and Wed PMs.

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Top Seven Things Rick Buchanan Was Thinking While Competing in the OKC Half Marathon

7. 13.1 miles? When Karla signed me up for this...
...she told me it was 1.31 miles!
6. The main reason I am doing this is because...
...my legs are just too fat!
5. After I finish this ½ M I will dedicate the achievement to my
all-time favorite “Physical Fitness Hero”...
...Mr. Elvis Presley!

4. Just for fun, after mile 12 I will stop speed walking and...
...start speed hopping!
3. LeBron James is an amazing athlete, but did anybody
else notice he's not man enough...
...to show up and compete one/one vs me in this event!
2. As soon as I finish walking this 13.1 miles, I'm driving
to the nearest McDonalds and...
...inhaling at least 13.1 Big Macs!

The #1 Thing Rick B Was Thinking While He Competing in the OKC Half Marathon



Covering 13.1 miles in
2 Hours and 45 Minutes
on a Sunday morning
was harder than I thought
It would be, but boy...

...it's a whole lot easier
than having to:
listen to Pastor Brad for
45 minutes on a Sunday
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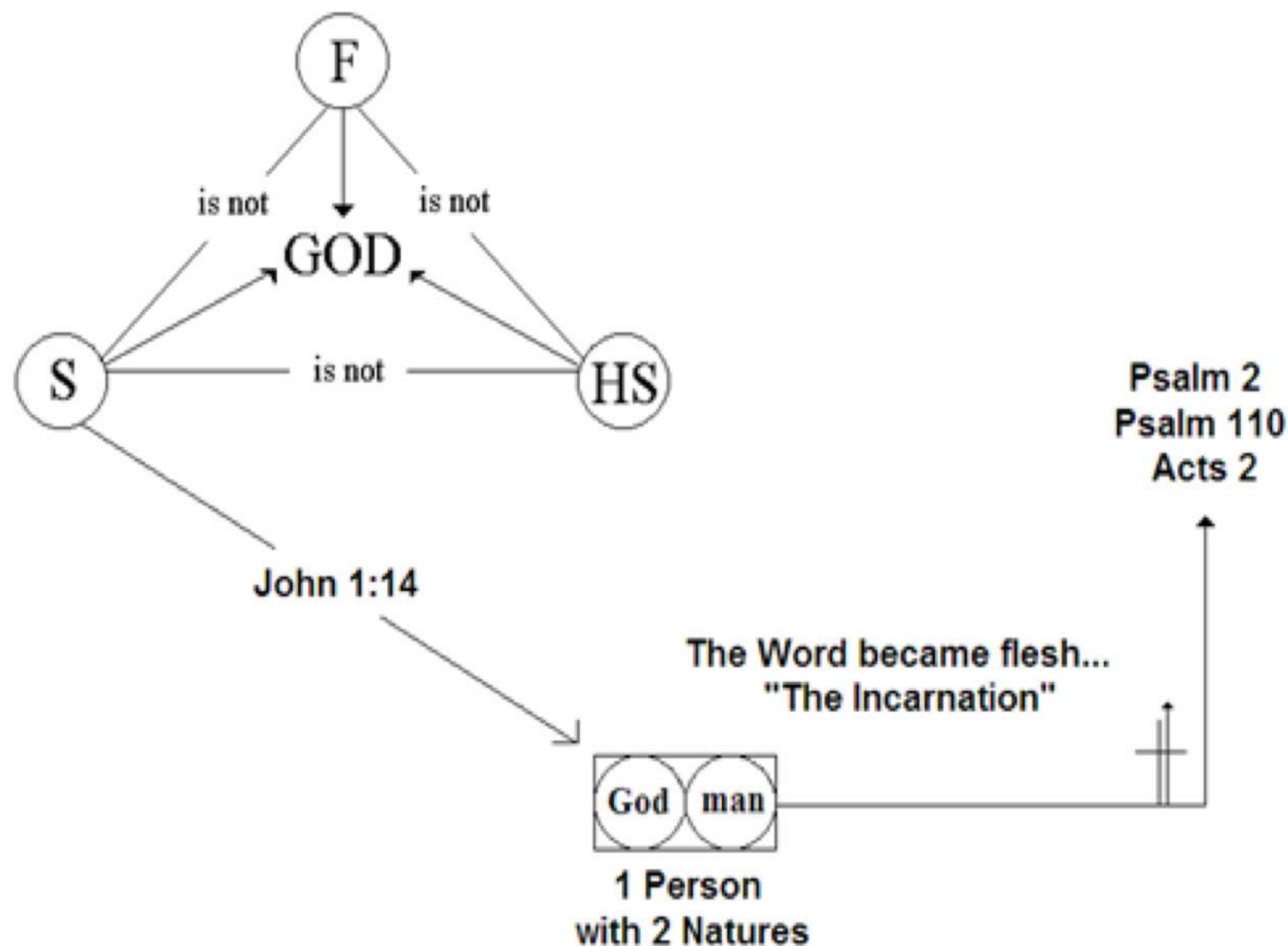
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Highlight – Numbers 21:9 Bronze Snake

Jesus chose this incident as one of the examples from Old Testament history that illustrates his own person and work (see [John 3:14](#)). Through the serpent and through Jesus, God provided a way of escape that required only faith from the people. In typical style, the Israelites corrupted the meaning by keeping the bronze serpent as an idol to worship. Centuries later, King Hezekiah destroyed this image (see [2 Kings 18:4](#)).

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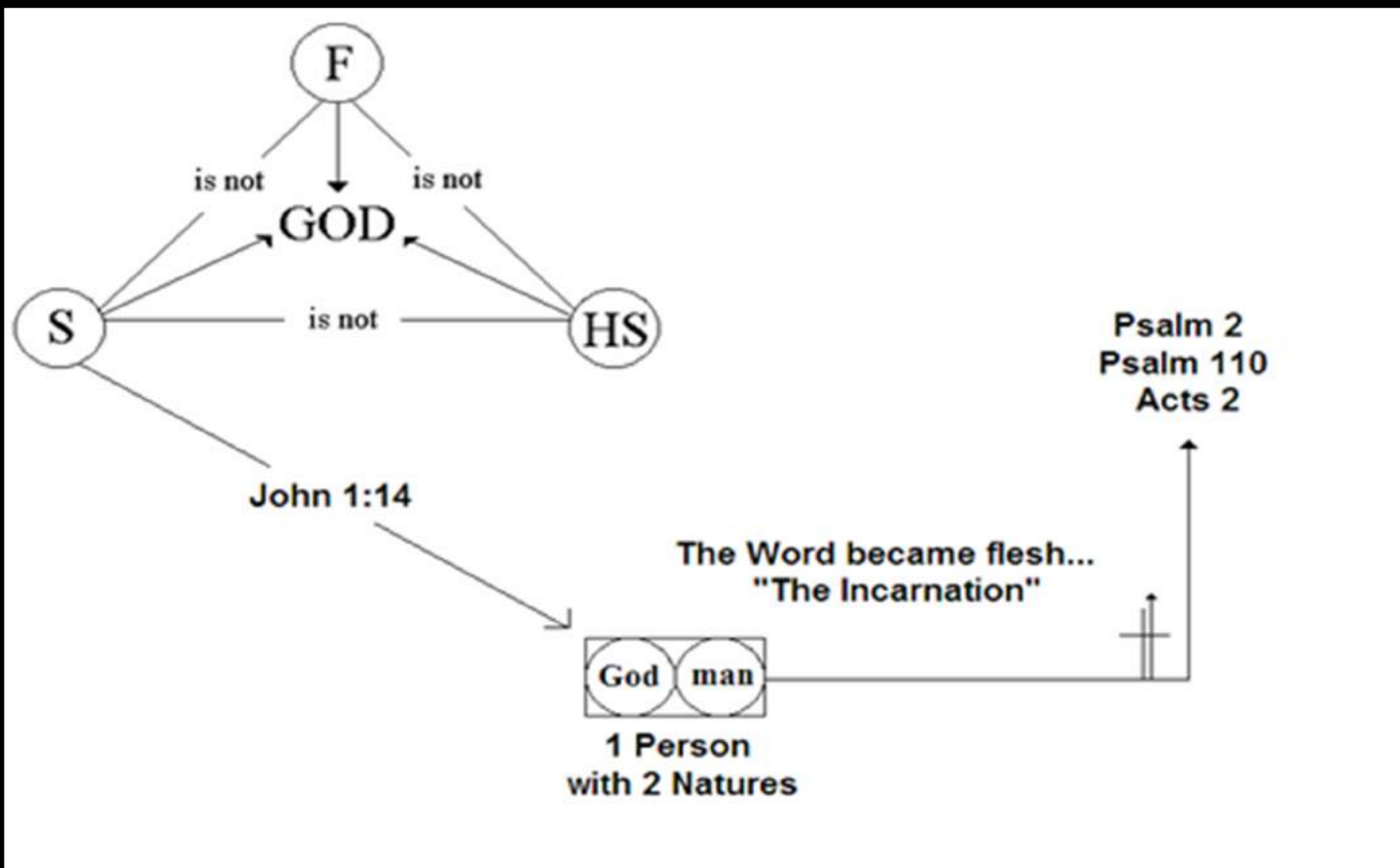
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- (-) shall not perish
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Lord Jesus Christ = God-Man-Savior