GOD'S GLORIOUS GRACE IN PERSON

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I. Jesus became man to <u>display God's glorious grace</u> (John 1:14).
   A. The eternal Word [Jesus] stepped down into humanity because He is gracious (14a).

   B. Jesus proved His deity by saying and doing what only the glorious God could do (14b).

   C. Jesus revealed God's grace and truth/faithfulness (14c; Exodus 33:18-19; 34:5-7).

II. Jesus has full authority to <u>dispense God's grace</u> (John 1:15-17).
   A. Jesus is superior to John because Jesus is eternal (15).

   B. Through Jesus, God's grace is fully revealed (16).
      - *Grace upon grace* - God has always been gracious; but Jesus showed His grace by dying for us (John 1:29; 3:16).

   C. Jesus fully accomplished God's grace plan which the law could not do (17).
      - The law cannot make us righteous, but Jesus does (Romans 3:20-21; 10:4).
      - The law (rules) cannot enable us to do right, but through Jesus the Spirit does (Romans 8:3-4).

III. Jesus became man so <u>the unseen gracious God</u> could be <u>known personally</u> (John 1:18).