

## **Love Was When John 1:14 (NKJV)**

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Years ago there was a man by the name of John Walvoored. John F. Walvoord, long-time president of Dallas Theological Seminary, was one of the most prominent evangelical scholars of his generation.

He wrote a number of books that sold millions of copies. And as far as a know he wrote only one song that was set to music by Don Wyrzten.

There are many Christian songs written today but most are not theologically sound.

But Walvoored does an excellent job. So for today's message we are going to allow the words to this song to be our outline.

- I. *Love was when God became a Man,*
  - A. We must understand that Christmas is a love story.
  - B. It is a story of God's love for us.
  - C. It tells of the incarnation, a word that is little used today.
    - 1. It means that God put on human flesh.
    - 2. And as the next line of the song goes it means He was.
    - 3. *Locked in time and space, without rank or place;*
- II. *Love was God born of Jewish kin;*
  - A. Not only Jewish but of the tribe of Judah and the family of David.
  - B. God foretold this from the beginning of the Bible.
- III. *Just a carpenter with some fishermen.*
  - A. A humble birth and a humble occupation.
  - B. The one who created the trees created projects with His own physical hands.
- IV. *Love was when Jesus walked in history,*
  - A. He was a real historical figure.
  - B. Christmas is not like the traditions of Christmas.
    - 1. Not made by man but designed by God.
    - 2. It is not a fairy tale.

3. Jesus is real. Story
- V. *Lovingly He brought a new life that's free,*
- A. But Jesus came to bring us life, real life, eternal life.
    1. Man was lost in sin.
    2. Look at the world with wars and destruction all over.
    3. Look at how people live in lusts, in deceit and falsehood.
  - B. And He came to give it freely.
    1. Freely to all.
    2. For all who will surrender to Him.
    3. There were no rebels at the stable that night but only humble believers.
- VI. Love was God nailed to bleed and die.
- A. Another of my favorite songs by Christine Wyrzten.
    1. "He was born in the shadow of a tree, the shadow of a tree. Ever present was the knowledge He would be hanging on a tree. The tree of Calvary"
  - B. *To reach and love one such as I.*
    1. Christmas has to be personal.
    2. *Down where I could see Love that reached to me;*
    3. It is more than that Jesus came into the world.
    4. He came to save you and me personally.
  - C. *Love was God dying for my sin*
    1. And that is how it was done.
    2. He took the penalty the shame, my sin on Him.
  - D. *And so trapped was I my whole world caved in.*
    1. He didn't come to help.
    2. He came to accomplish it.
    3. We were entrapped by our own sinful nature, without hope.
    4. Christmas is about being set free.
- VII. *Love was when Jesus rose to walk with me.*
- A. Two parts, Jesus arose and Jesus walks with me.
  - B. That is why Christmas is not an annual event for His people.
  - C. They live it every day.
  - D. *Lovingly he brought a new life that's free.*

- E. *Love was God, only He would try To reach and love one such as I.*
1. Only He could save us.
  2. Only He would save us.
  3. And yes it was for one such as I.
    - a. A sinner.
    - b. A spiritual failure.
    - c. All because He loved us.
    - d. Love was when God became a man.