

## ***Awaiting the Word Made Flesh***

For over 400 years the Jewish people prayed and fasted for the coming of their Messiah. They were awaiting their heir to inherit the throne of King David and to destroy their enemies. Little did they know that they were ***awaiting the Word made Flesh*** who would come desiring to heal and to save their enemies and bring peace to the world.

Then the moment came when ***the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us***. *“Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.”* ***Emmanuel*** came to be one among us, one like us and to be one who would dwell within us! The ***Warrior King*** became the ***Suffering Servant*** who turned the pride of the world upside down by dying on a ***Cross of Love!*** But how many ***BELIEVED?***

Before dying on that Cross, Jesus left Himself in the ***Living Bread***. He would not leave us alone. For those who believe, we ***await the Word made Flesh*** at each Mass—at each Consecration. Heaven weds earth in a tiny piece of bread. Our minds cannot comprehend what our hearts alone can grasp. The human-divine God comes to warm us and to nourish us as ***Incarinate Love***. Do you ***BELIEVE?***

Now, we ***await the Word made Flesh*** to come again in His full glory to judge the living and the dead. That is what our faith teaches.

The question you must ask yourself: *Have you embraced the ***Word made Flesh*** from the ***wood of the manger*** to the ***wood of the Cross*** to the ***wood of the altar*** or are you looking for another? Many still look for another who will think and act like them. ***What do you BELIEVE?****

The ***Word became Flesh*** to make the ***Word of God ALIVE*** for you! What do you see in the manger? ***A plaster infant or the God of Love?***

*“Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ, of His Blessed Mother and of St. Joseph. Amen.”*

