

God took on
flesh

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1) to walk in our footsteps —
to know the human experience from
within — as one of us

2) to experience human poverty

a) poverty of spirit

our sense of incompleteness
our desire for perfection &
wholeness

the fact that this world —
on the one hand, in our
hands, but, on the other
hand, a home that
never brings perfect
comfort

our intent to love in the
face of obstacles the
essence of love
(7 capitals (w))

(To experience the shallowness
of human knowledge &
the yearning for the
height & divine knowledge

Despite the vast
knowledge we have of
our universe, the
only constant in that
our universe is
unfathomable &
mysterious

the best of human
knowledge pales
before heights
of what is yet
to be known:

to experience the profound ^{depth} meaning of human relationships,
only to understand that we can never exhaust the mystery &

1) Jesus came to experience our
moral poverty - structural + systemic
rejection!

if he would oppose
these evils so
passionately later
in life, it was
because from birth
he had known them

homeless
refugee
powerless
the labor
minority
discrimination
economic poverty
rejection
violence
racism
nationalism
militarism

2) Jesus also came to bestow something
wonderful and marvelous!

a) a sense of worth + dignity, despite
the circumstances of human experience

b) the example of the Father's love

c)

① Intro - People at a concert

- A. give - sworn & sworn / ideal
- B. try - not & not person

I. Beatitudes -

A. Describe Xst in relationship to me - e.g., Pl. on they... present...

B. Describe what Xst expects of me...
on Confined Xst: *understand*

1. Beatitudes on our mind...

2. I read self - what do I believe in as strongly that I will stand up for it?

- ① communicate to others
- ② work out differences
- ③ don't allow anger to fester
- ④

Not

not

needed today.

Don't share

Intro + Reduction: Freedom

A. Image: Chiseling the Berlin Wall

B. = Lech Walensa - Poland

B. Demonstration

Bulgaria

Hungary

Czechoslovakia

Latvia

C. Not yet: South Africa

El Salvador

for people
to see the
reality of
the world

to make us
free

I. Our revolution at the lack of freedom in other countries leads us to value even more the freedom we enjoy + seek solidarity with them in free. The lack of freedom in other lands also compels us to ask an urgent question, "What do we do with the freedom we have?" ~~What do we do~~ Are we subject to forms of domination? Are we aware of those in our country who are not free?

A. Poverty

B. Materialism - our enslavement
to things

C. Racism & Sexism - we control
other, we exclude other, we subordinate other
because of their gender, ethnic or racial background