The incarnation of Jesus Christ

"The Truths behind it"

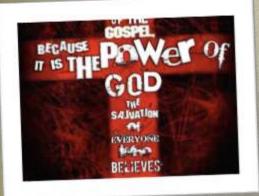


In this presentation we will tackle about:

The Fact of Christ's Humanity
Reason for the Incarnation of Jesus Christ
His Virgin Birth
His Nature
His Human Nature
His Divine Nature

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Timothy 3:16
Isaiah 9:6
Philippians 2:5-10

The Fact of Christ's Humanity



"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh ..." (I Timothy 3:16). R The word incarnation does not occur in the Bible. It is derived from the Latin *in* and *caro* (flesh), meaning clothed in flesh, the act of assuming flesh.

→ From the infinite position of eternal Godhood to the finite limitations of manhood!



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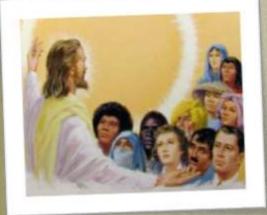
"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:19, 20).



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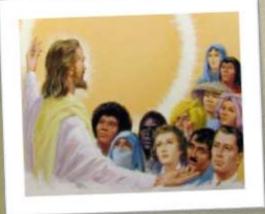
- God's greatest revelation of Himself to man is in Jesus Christ.
- Since man is a rational, moral being, his very nature provides him with intuitive knowledge.
- Cost The Incarnation of the Son of God is the disclosure of truth previously unknown.



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When the Word became flesh He brought to man an adequate revelation of God.

Philip said to the Lord Jesus, "Lord, shew us the Father . . . " and our Lord answered, ". . . He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father . . . " (John 14:8, 9).



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Since God remains an abstraction until we see Him in terms of personality, so the Son became Incarnate that we might see and know God.

"No man hath seen God at anytime; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him" (**John 1:1**, **8**, **9**).



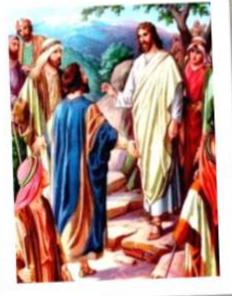
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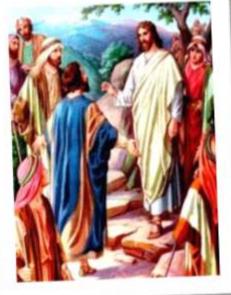
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Included a plan that would enable man to see and know himself as God sees and knows him.



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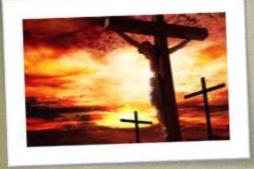
Our Lord said, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin" (**John 15:22**).



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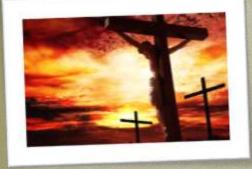
^{CS} The Old Testament contains the accurate record of some four thousand years of sin, human failure, and consequent Divine judgment.
^{CS} The one bright hope was the coming of the promised Seed, the Redeemer (*Genesis 3:15*).



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- CM The prophets spoke of the Messiah who would come to deliver the people from their sins. Perhaps the classic prophecy is (*Isaiah 53*).
- Since the people needed a deliverer from the guilt and penalty of sin, the intent of the Incarnation was to provide that Deliverer.



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- Jesus Christ is man's Redeemer, his Savior. This truth is implied in His name.
- "... Thou shalt call his name JESUS (meaning Savior), for He shall save His people from their sins" (**Matthew 1:21**).



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SUPPORTING VERSE:

- For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).
- For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).



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"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same [flesh and blood]; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;" (Hebrews 2:14).



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If all the works of Satan, among the worst is that of destroying life.

Our Lord testified, "He was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44).

Satan chose the tree of death because he is a murderer.



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But thanks be to God for the Incarnation of His Son. By the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, through His death and resurrection, He wrested from Satan the power of death.

Constructions of the Savior rendered death harmless, and the "sting" of it is gone (I Corinthians 15:55).



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Cost Death once held man in the vise of hopeless doom, but now Satan is defeated.

"I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (**Revelation 1:18**).

"Oh judgment, because the prince of this world is judged" (John 16:11).



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"For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth..." (**Colossians 1:16**).



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Man was higher than all other created beings in the earth, and other creatures were subject to him.

However, after the fall this condition changed. Now if man is to have dominion over the beasts, he must first capture them at the risk of his own life, and then imprison them until they are tamed. All of this resulted from the fall.



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Realize But the question is, Will God restore again to man the dominion which he lost through the fall?



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"The wolf also shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cocatrice's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:6-9).



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○ To remove the curse and rescue God's creation is one of the purposes of the Incarnation.

When Christ comes back to reign and ...

"...the government shall be upon His shoulder..." (Isaiah 9:6)



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If it were not so, then all of animated nature would remain spoiled by Satan.
 But God has said, "...in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground:..." (Hosea 2:18).



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RYes, God will...

 "...gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth, even in Him" (Ephesians 1:10).

At that day our blessed Lord will...

"…reconcile all things unto Himself; …"(Colossians 1:20).



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CR The Apostle Paul writes, " For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. (Romans 8:19-23).



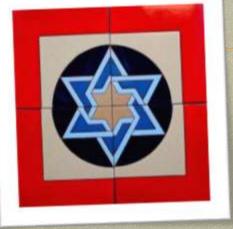
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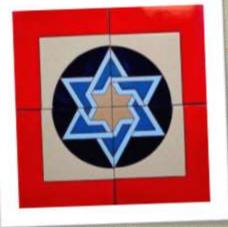
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- Any reader of the Old Testament cannot escape the clear teaching that the Messiah was promised to Israel.
- ☑ . The Jew had great advantages.
 - Much every way: chiefly, bacause that unto them were committed the oracles of God" (Romans 3:2).
 - R Theirs was "...the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises" (Romans 9:4).



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 Rut By her fall the whole world was blessed with the message of salvation.

"Therefore say I unto you, The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matthew 21:43).



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both national restoration and national regeneration for the Jew are a definite part of the plan of God.

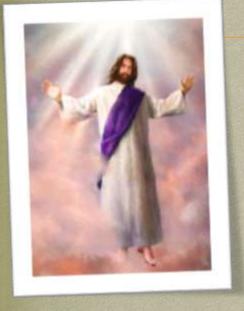


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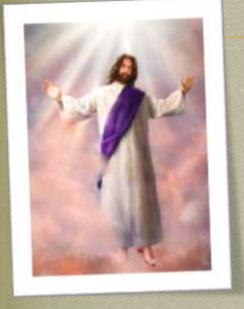
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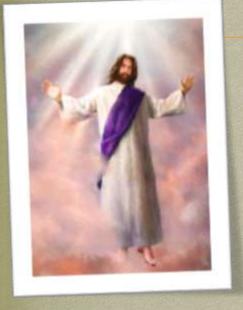
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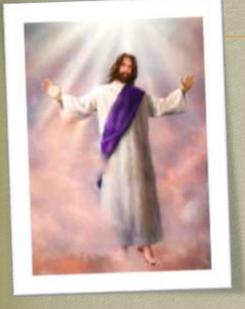
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"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation: lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (**Zechariah 9:9**).



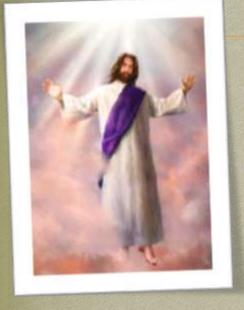
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"Yet have I set My king upon My holy hill of Zion" (Psalm 2:6).



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Realise Kingdom of glory, and His throne in the midst, was God's first promise through the mouth of the angel Gabriel to Mary, and it links together the Incarnation and reign of the Son of God.



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"And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:31-33).





His Virgin Birth

Biblical Evidence & The Theological Significance

We guess the virgin birth is one of the most debated and controversial event of Jesus' life, through which Christ took on the human form.

The Virgin Birth **Biblical Evidence** The doctrine of the virgin birth is based upon just two explicit biblical references -Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38.

The Virgin Birth **Biblical Evidence** There is also prophecy in Isaiah 7:14 from which cited by Matthew 1:23. but even when these passages are taken into consideration, the number of relevant references is quite few.

The Virgin Birth The Theological Significance There are disagreements as to the importance of the virgin birth, even among those who insist that belief in the doctrine must be maintained.

The Virgin Birth The Theological Significance On one level of course, the virgin birth is important simply because we are told that it occurred. If the Bible tells us that it happened, it is important to believe that it did.

We will try to enlist all the importance of the Virgin birth

Importance

1. If Jesus had been simply the product of a normal sexual union of man and woman, he would have been only a human being, not a God-man. Virgin birth symbolized the Divinity of Jesus Christ.

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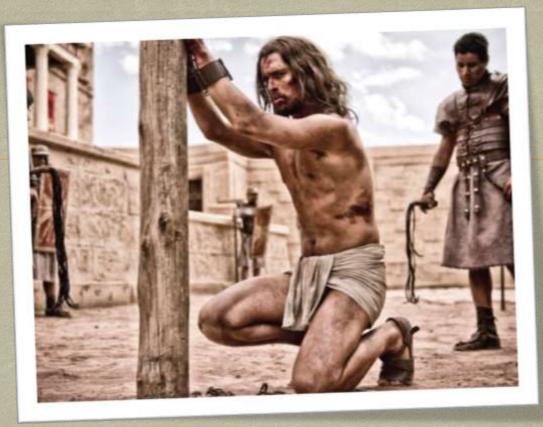
2. If He had possessed both that which the mother contributes and what that father ordinarily contributes, he would have had a depraved and hence sinful nature, like the rest of us.

Importance

3. Virgin birth has a great value in terms of symbolizing the reality of the incarnation. It is an evidential factor in much the same way that the other miracles and particularly the resurrection function to certify the supernaturalness of Christ.

His Nature

His Human Nature & Divine Nature



His Human Nature

Reveled when He incarnated on this world

His closest disciples, who knew his humanity full well, worshiped him as God (Matthew 28:17), but the first generation of Christians started from a different place. They began with him as God, and tended to struggle with the fullness of his humanness.

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JESUS Became Human, All the Way Down

- John 1:14
- •1 John 4:2
- •2 John 7
- •Luke 2:7
- •Luke 2:40, 52
- John 4:6
- John 19:28
- Matthew 4:2
- Mathew 4:11
- •Luke 23:26
- •Luke 23:46
- •Luke 24:39
- John 20:20, 27

• Matthew 26:38

Heart

• John 11:33_35

• Matthew 8:10

- John 12:27
- John 13:21
- Hebrew 5:7

Will

John 6:38 Matthew 26:39

• 1 Timothy 2:5

Mind

Luke 2:52John 21:17

Body

JESUS Became Human, All the Way Down His Human Body

He grew tired

• Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, *tired out by the trip*, sat down by the well. It was about noon. John 4:6

He got thirsty

• Jesus knew that by now everything had been completed; and in order to make the scripture come true, he said, "*I am thirsty*."**John 19:28**

He got hungry

• After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. Matthew 4:2

He became physically weak

• The soldiers led Jesus away, and as they were going, they met a man from Cyrene named Simon who was coming into the city from the country. They seized him, put the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. Luke 23:26

He died

• Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father! In your hands I place my spirit!" *He said this and died*. Luke 23:46

JESUS Became Human, All the Way Down His Human Heart

Jesus clearly displays human emotions.

- He says in <u>Matthew 26:38</u> that his "soul is very sorrowful, even to death."
- " In John 11:33–35, Jesus is "deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled," and even weeps.
- John 12:27 says, "Now is my soul troubled," and in John 13:21, he is "troubled in his spirit."

JESUS Became Human, All the Way Down His Human Mind

Increased in wisdom

• Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:52)

Paradoxical as it is, the Scriptures plainly affirm that Jesus both knows all things as God *and* doesn't know all things as man. For the unique, two-natured, singular person of Christ, this is no contradiction, but a peculiar glory of the God-man.

JESUS Became Human, All the Way Down His Human Will

Jesus possessed the human will

"I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me." (John 6:38)
Jesus prays to the Father, "Not as I

will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)



His Divine Nature

JESUS CHRIST POSSESSED ALL THE DIVINE PREROGATIVES

In this lesson I only considered His time when He incarnated on this world

JESUS Divine nature when we was human **The right to be worship**

Jesus shares the honor due to God

Commanded men to honor Him and serve Him – John 5:23
Jesus Christ Accepted Worship – Matt. 14:33; 15:25

JESUS Divine nature when we was human The right to forgive sins

Jesus shares the works / actions of God

• Forgives Sins – Luke 7:48; Mark 2:5; Matt. 9:1-3

JESUS Divine nature when we was human **The right and power to create**

Jesus Christ Is The Creator

- Turning water into wine John 2:1-11
- Feeding the five thousand John 6:1-13
- Walking on the water John 6:19

JESUS Divine nature when we was human The right and power to create

Jesus has the Power over

• Disease (Luke 4:38-41) • Nature (John 2) • Demons (Luke 4:35, 36, 41) • Tempest (Matthew 8:23-27) • Death (John11)

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• Lesson for the human side of Jesus Christ

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