

Lesson 8

God The Son - His Past - Part II

1. The INCARNATION of Christ means that God the Father MANIFESTED Himself in the FLESH.
2. The incarnation is a FOUNDATIONAL truth which was PROPHESED in the OLD TESTAMENT. See Isaiah 7:14
3. The incarnation must be accepted by FAITH. This is true of all great doctrines. The Bible presents the FACTS but the HOLY SPIRIT must guide us into all truth. See John 16:13
4. The NATURAL MAN (unsaved man) cannot understand the things of God because they are SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED. See 1 Cor. 2:14
5. The word INCARNATION means IN-FLESH-MENT or God MANIFEST (make evident, visible) in the flesh. See John 1:14
6. The purpose of the INCARNATION was to reveal the INVISIBLE God. See John 1:18; John 4:24; and Colossians 1:15
7. Jesus reveals God to us in HUMAN FORM. See John 14:9
8. Jesus was made flesh to fulfill the COVENANTS of God to ABRAHAM. See Galatians 3:8, 14 & 16; Genesis 12:1-3; and Genesis 13:15 and DAVID 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Isaiah 9:6-7; and Acts 2:29&30
9. The INCARNATION was necessary to provide a SACRIFICE FOR SIN. See 1 John 3:5; Hebrews 10:10 and Acts 13:38&39
10. Yet another aspect of the Son of God is His VIRGIN BIRTH which, of course, is contrary to all the LAWS OF NATURE.
11. The VIRGIN BIRTH was prophesied by ISAIAH 750 years before it happened (see Isaiah 7:14), and was announced to both MARY and JOSEPH in Matthew 1:18-25 and in Luke 1:26-35.

Discussion Question: Did Mary remain a virgin after the birth of Christ as is taught in Catholic doctrine? See Matthew 1:18&25 (note the word UNTIL); see also Matthew 12:47-49; 13:55; Mark 3:31-34; Luke 8:19-21; John 2:12, 7:3-10 and Acts 1:14

12. God made His Son in the form of HUMANITY without the SEED of man just as He made EVE without the help of a woman and Adam without the REPRODUCTION elements of either man or woman. See: Genesis 3:15; John 16:27&28; Galatians 3:16 and 4:4

13. Jesus, the Son of God, has TWO natures. A DIVINE nature and a HUMAN nature.
14. He is the GOD-MAN with both the divine nature and human nature COMPLETE in every way. He is FULLY man and FULLY God.
15. We know that Jesus is HUMAN because He has a:
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| A. Physical Body | Matthew 26:12 |
| B. Soul | Matthew 26:38 |
| C. Spirit | Luke 23:46 |
16. Mankind has BODY, SOUL and SPIRIT. See 1 Thessalonians 5:23
17. Jesus also had a CHILDHOOD as seen in Luke 2:21, 40, 41, & 52.
18. Jesus had HUMAN NEEDS:
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| A. <u>HUNGER</u> | Matthew 4:2 |
| B. <u>THIRST</u> | John 19:28 |
| C. <u>FATIGUE</u> | John 4:6 |
| D. <u>SLEEP</u> | Matthew 8:24 |
| E. <u>SORROW</u> | Matthew 26:38 |
19. He was WITHOUT SIN and the only one who had no SINFUL NATURE. See 2 Cor. 5:21 and Hebrews 4:15

Special Notation

Could Jesus have sinned? No, for He had no sin nature. The sin nature was passed on by Adam, the father of the human race. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit so he had no sin nature. When Jesus' temptation is recorded in Scripture, it was not to see if He would sin, but to prove He would not sin.

20. We know Jesus was divine because of His VIRGIN BIRTH. See Matthew 1:18&25; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26&34
21. We know Jesus was divine because He CLAIMED TO BE DIVINE. See Luke 2:49; Matt. 11:5; John 4:26; Matthew 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; Zechariah 9:9 (compare to triumphal entry when Jesus told His disciples to get the colt); Daniel 7:13&14 (compare to Mark 14:62); John 19:19; Matthew 27:11; Mark 15:2; Luke 23:3; John 18:33-37; Philippians 2:6-8 plus many more.

22. We know that Jesus is the Son of God because His life was GIVEN not TAKEN. See John 10:17 & 18; 19:30; Luke 23:46
23. The death of Christ was PROPHETIC. See 1 Corinthians 15:3; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Isaiah 53; Psalm 22 and others.
24. Jesus brought RECONCILIATION between MAN and GOD. See 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Special Notation

Reconciliation means to bring about fellowship, communion and/or harmony. Reconcile generally means to bring together two offending parties as in a divorce. That is, each has offended the other. Biblical reconciliation between God and man is different, it is one-sided. God has done nothing to offend. We alone are the offenders. We must be reconciled to Him, not Him to us.

25. In the past, Jesus was the ATONING SACRIFICE. See 1 John 2:2
26. In the past, Jesus was the RANSOM, the PAID PRICE. 1 Timothy 2:5&6
27. In the past, Jesus was also the REDEEMER, one who DELIVERS or SAVES by PAYING THE PRICE. See Ephesians 1:7 and 1 Corinthians 6:20
28. In the past, Jesus ROSE from the grave and this is the CORNERSTONE of the Christian faith. All other religious leaders remain in the grave. See Acts 2:24, 31 & 32 and 1 Corinthians 15 (the resurrection chapter).
29. There are 17 recorded appearances of Christ AFTER His death and resurrection. See John 20: 11-17; Matthew 28:9&10; Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:6; and Mark 16:12-14
30. In the past, Jesus ASCENDED into heaven. See John 14:1-3 & 12; Luke 24:50&51 and Acts 1:9-11

Conclusion

Jesus was made flesh and dwelt on this earth. This was a manifestation of God in the flesh. He was born of a virgin. He had no earthly father. He was divinely conceived in the womb of Mary by the Holy Spirit - deity and humanity together - to give the world the Lord Jesus Christ, the God-Man. He was the "Seed of woman" as prophesied throughout Scripture.

His humanity was real. He grew and had human needs. He did not have a sin nature. He had divine and a human nature. He changed His likeness and His position to come as our Redeemer.

He gave His life for all sin. He died to save all who will believe. He came out of the grave to conquer sin and death, and to assure us of the resurrected life.

He ascended back into glory to signify the finished work of redemption and to send the Holy Spirit to abide in us, to teach us and to comfort us.