

What the Incarnation Is All About

Colossians 2:2-10

1. I Tim 6:16 - God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see.
2. No man can see God & live. (Ex 33:20)
3. God is so majestic, so above & beyond our understanding we can't even imagine what He is like.
4. Yet God walked with Adam & Eve in the Garden. He wants to fellowship with you, for you to know Him intimately.
5. So God became a man.

I. How Do You Know?

A. The Bible describes Lord Jesus as actually being God!

1. Jesus had to have a human body to be a sin offering (Rom 8:3).
2. Jesus had to die in a physical body to reconcile us to God (Col 1:22).
3. Col 2:9 - For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.
 - a. One of the names of Jesus (Emmanuel) means "God is with us" (Matt 1:23)
 - b. The Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us (Jn 1:14).
 - c. In Jn 1:18 the NIV calls Jesus God, the One and Only, who is at the Father's side & the NAS calls Jesus the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father.
 - d. II Cor 4:4 calls Jesus the image of God.

B. If Jesus had been only a mere man there wouldn't have been a reason to draw attention to His bodily existence.

II. Did God Just Wear a Human Body Like a Suite of Clothes?

A. No. He was a total human being experiencing everything you experience.

1. Jesus suffered when He was tempted (Heb 2:18).
2. Jesus was tempted but didn't sin (Heb 4:15).
3. Jesus had human weaknesses (Heb 5:2).
4. Jesus' prayers were heard because of His submission (Heb 5:7).
5. Jesus learned obedience from what He suffered (Heb 5:8).

B. The Lord's human life is the ultimate human success story; He lived a sinless life with all the weaknesses you have!

III. How Does Lord Jesus Being God Affect My Life?

A. It will keep you away from the "Christian" cults.

B. It shows you how God expects you to live by giving you an example.

C. It should compel you to come to church every Sunday to worship & adore the One who loved you enough to create you, to provide for you & to die for you!