

THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST

I. Incarnation: The Eternal Son of God becoming flesh, Taking on Human body and the nature of man.

A. This is the term commonly used to describe Christ's birth through the Virgin Mary-God incarnated into human form.

B .The fact of the Incarnation is taught in several passages.

1. John 1:14
2. Phil 2:6-7
3. Heb 10:5

II. Necessity of the Incarnation

A. Came to fulfill prophesy

1. Old Testament Prophecy of First Advent

a. Birth Foretold

- i. Lineage- 2 Sam 7:11-12, Ps 132:11, Is 9:6, 16:5, Jer 23:5
- ii. Time of Birth- Dan 9:25, Gal 4:4
- iii. Place of Birth- Micah 5:2
- iv. Miracle of Birth- Is 7:14, Mt 1:22-23
- v. Forunner of Birth- Mal 3:1, Mat 3:1-3
- vi. Flight to Egypt- Hosea 11:1, Matt 2:15
- vii. Massacre of Infants- Jer 31:15, Matt 2:17-18
- viii. Dwelling in Nazareth- Is 11:1, Matt 2:23

b. Life Foretold

- i. Preaching- Is 61:1
- ii. Healing – Is 61:1
- iii. Rejection- Is 53:2-3
- iv. Entrance into Jerusalem- Zech 9:9

c. Death Foretold

- i. Betrayal by a friend- Ps 41:9, Matt 26:14-36, 47-49
- ii. Forsaken by disciples- Zech 13:7, Matt 27:31,56
- iii. Perverted Justice- Is 53:7-8, Matt 26:57-60, 27:11-14
- iv. Crucifixion foretold- Ps 22:14-16, John 19:16-18
- v. Thirst on Cross- Ps 22:15, John 19:28
- vi. Vinegar- Ps 69:21, Matt 27:34-38, John 19: 28-30

- vii. Words Spoken on Cross- Psalms 22:1, Matt 27:46
- viii. Mocking Crowd- Ps 22:6-8, Matt 27:39-43
- ix. People Sitting and Staring- Ps 22:17, Matt 27:36
- x. Soldiers Casting Lots for garments- Ps 22:18, Matt 27:35
- xi. Vicarious Suffering- Is 53:5-6, Heb 9:28, Dan 9:25- 27
- xii. No Bones Broken- Ps 34:20, Ex 12:46, Numbers 9:12, John 19:33-36
- xiii. Burial in a Rich Man's tomb- Is 53:9, Matt 27:57-60

- d. Resurrection Foretold- Ps 16:10, Luke 24:1-7
- e. Ascension to Heaven Foretold – Psalms 110:1, Mark 16:9, 14:19

- B. God was manifested in the flesh
 - 1. I Tim 3:16, John 1:14
 - 2. God manifested in Son- John 14:5-13
- C. He Came to be tempted in all points as we are yet without sin (Heb 2:18, 4:14-16) – A body was necessary for Christ to be tempted
- D. Came to taste Death for Every man- Heb 2:9
 - 1. Christ became a man so he could make atonement for Man's sin.
 - 2. As a Man's Substitute he had to have a mans body to endure bodily suffering
 - 3. It was now possible for him to Die – Mark 10:45, John 10:10, Rom 5:12, 5:8,18-21, I John 3:5
- E. Came to Destroy the Works of the Devil – I John 3:8
- F. A Body was needed For Ministry- for the preaching teaching, selecting the 12, and founding the church- Matt 16:18
- G. His Example was Perfect Obedience to the Will of GOD. He left us an example to follow in his footsteps in obedience to God- John 17:1-6, I Peter 2:21, I John 2:26.