

Text: Various
Topics: Humanity, Incarnation, Deity – of Christ
Series: The Jesus Who Came to Earth

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The Nature of the Incarnation

I. Declared to the Prophet (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7)

Scripture foretold the birth of Jesus in terms of His humanity and His deity.

II. Declared to the Virgin (Luke 1:26-35)

The angel Gabriel told Mary she would supernaturally conceive a son who would be the King, and the holy Son of God.

III. Declared to Shepherds (Luke 2:6-16)

Shepherds were supernaturally told that the Savior was born, and that He was Christ the Lord.

IV. Declared to the Church (Philippians 2:6-7)

Jesus, full deity and full humanity, set aside the privileges of His divine position for a human position of humble service.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. There are many ideas today about the nature of Jesus. What are some of them? Have you had conversation with someone who held one of these beliefs? How did the discussion unfold?

2. What did God say would happen in Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6-7?

What does this tell you about God? How is this encouraging to you?

3. Read Luke 1:26-35. What was Mary told about the Son she would give birth to that would make Him unique?

What effect does this uniqueness have on your thoughts about Jesus, and your relationship with Him?

4. Read the account of the birth of Jesus in Luke 2:1-20. What stands out to you? Why?

5. In Philippians 2:5-11 we read about the "emptying of Himself" (v. 7) that Jesus undertook in coming to earth. Did He cease to be God in any way? Did He become more than a normal human in His humanity in any way?

Explain what the "emptied Himself" means.

What do you find hard to understand about this "emptying"?

Why is it important to understand it?