

Text: Various
Topics: Incarnation of Christ
Series: The Jesus Who Came to Earth

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The Necessity of the Incarnation

I. The Necessity of His Incarnation

Jesus came to:

fulfill Old Testament prophecies of a future Savior. (Matt 1:22-23)

reveal the true nature of God the Father. (John 1:14, 18; 14:9)

do the will of the Father in sanctifying His people. (Hebrews 10:4-10)

take away sins and to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:5-8)

be an example of suffering for His followers. (1 Peter 2:21-25)

II. The Necessity of Our Response

Four Common Responses:

1. *None...*
2. *Emotional...*
3. *Divided...*
4. *Fruitful...*

Which best represents me?

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. How would you define the incarnation of Christ?
2. Read Matthew 1:18-25. How many miraculous things do you see?

Which verse is an Old Testament quote? Why did fulfilling this require the incarnation of Christ?

3. Read John 1:1-3, 14-18. Who does "the Word" refer to? How do you know?

Where do you see humanity and deity in this passage? What did the union of humanity and deity enable Christ to do? See also John 14:7-9.

4. Read Hebrews 10:4-10. Why was it impossible for animal sacrifices to take away sins (verse 4)? See verses 1-3 also.

What was God's will? (verses 7, 9-10)

Why was the incarnation of Christ necessary to accomplish this?

5. What two purposes for the appearing of Christ are given in 1 John 3:5-8? Explain what each means and why the incarnation of Christ was necessary to do this.

6. In 1 Peter 2:21-24 we read that Jesus became an example for us. What did His example teach us? Why was a human body necessary?

7. Read Luke 8:4-15. Compare the four responses to the Word of God in Jesus' parable to how people might respond to the incarnation of Christ.

Which response best represents you? Why?