

The Incarnation Miracle

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God Became Flesh

- *All of salvation hinges upon the supernatural incarnation of Jesus.*
- *None of the following miracles of salvation would be possible without the miracle of Jesus' incarnation.*
- *Only God in the flesh could accomplish what Jesus brought to pass.*

Matthew 1:23 ESV

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Luke 1:35 ESV

"And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God."

John 1:1 ESV

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:14 ESV

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 NASB

18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Colossians 1:18-20 ESV

18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

1 Timothy 3:16 KJV

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

A Perfect Example

- *Our lives of obedience to God's Word were modeled by Jesus' sinless, earthly life.*
- *If we are ever confused about the interpretation and application of Biblical principle, watch and listen to Jesus in the Gospels.*
- *Jesus' example is the exact imprint and perfect illustration of God's character in the flesh, living in the midst of this world system.*

Hebrews 1:1-3 ESV

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.
3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Philippians 2:5-8 ESV

5 Have this mind ["adopt the same attitude as" CSB] among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

1 Peter 2:21 ESV

21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

A Compassionate High Priest

- *Jesus is the tender, proactive and responsive high priest that He is, because He took on human flesh and was tempted and suffered in every way as we are.*
- *Because Jesus was made like us in every way, in the flesh of humanity, He feels our pain and responds instantly. He is moved with compassion.*

Hebrews 2:17-18 ESV

17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Power Of Sin Broken

- *Not only was our guilt and condemnation removed by Jesus bearing our sins on the cross of Calvary, but the insatiable, addictive bondage to sin was broken and destroyed over our lives.*

Matthew 1:20-21 ESV

20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Isaiah 53:6 ESV

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Romans 6:4-6 ESV

4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Death And Hell Destroyed

- *Forever gone are the days of fearing for our life and our eternity.*
- *Forever gone are the days of fearing death and the grave.*

Hebrews 2:14-15 ESV

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 ESV

54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"