

# DOCTRINE

WHAT CHRISTIANS SHOULD BELIEVE

## Incarnation: God Comes

The Incarnation can be understood as the turning point for redemptive history. The point where God crashes the party by humbling Himself to become one of us. Today we will discuss what this historic moment means for the redemption of mankind and for each of our lives.

**Relevant Scriptures: (not exhaustive)**

Prophecy (Gen 3:15, Gal 4:4, Isa, 7:14, Matt 1:18-23, Micah 5:2, Luke 2:1-7, Mal 3:1, Luke 2:25-27)

Was Jesus fully human? (Isa 53:2, Luke, 2:52, 4:16,24:39, Matt 4:2, 21:18, John 4:7,19:28)

Jesus as God (John 1:1-18, 10:30-33, Col 1:16, Rev 19:12-13)

**Theology:** What does scripture say about the incarnation and what does it mean?

Why is it important that God revealed the coming of Jesus through prophecy?

Using Scripture, explain how Jesus was fully human.

Using Scripture, explain how Jesus was fully God.

What is the hypostatic union?

Why is important for the redemption of humanity that Jesus be both human and divine?

**Implications:** How does our understanding of the Incarnation affect our daily lives?

Do you tend to gravitate toward the deity of Jesus or His humanity? Why?

What does it mean to you personally that God came into human history?

Consider Rev.19:12-13. How does this image change the way you relate to Jesus?

Consider Phil. 2:5-11. what did it mean for Jesus to become man?

How does the humility of Christ effect the way you live your life today?

**Prayer:** Reflect and meditate on the Incarnation.

Thank God for entering human history to redeem us from destruction.

Pray that we would know Jesus in his full humanity and Deity.

Pray that we would worship Jesus in the fullness of His glory.

Pray for the humility to serve Jesus as a reflection of His humility in the Incarnation.