

1- The Incarnation: What is it?

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Christmas is primarily about one event that theologians call **The Incarnation** where our eternal God took to Himself human flesh. It is an issue that is quite clearly communicated in the Scripture.

I. Jesus had the DNA of _____:

A. Jesus possessed _____ which belong to God alone.

1. He _____ before all things. (John 8:58)
2. Jesus could be _____ at the same time. (Matt. 28:20)
3. Jesus knew _____. (Luke 6:8; John 4:29)

B. Jesus did _____ that only God alone could do.

1. He was able to _____ sins. (Mark 2:5-7)
2. He was able to give _____. (John 5:21-22)
3. He was able to raise the _____. (John 11:43-44)
4. He had the authority to take away life through _____. (John 5:22)

C. Jesus was known by the _____ that belonged to God.

1. He was called by the title _____. (Heb. 1:8)
2. He was called King of Kings and Lord of _____. (Rev. 19:16)
3. He accepted the title and the worship of _____. (John 20:28)

D. Jesus claimed to be _____. (John 10:30-33)

II. Jesus had the DNA of an ordinary man.

A. He had a human _____.

It has been documented that His body thirsted, was made tired, it hurt, it bled, it died – all clear evidences of His humanity.

B. He had a human soul and _____. (Matt. 26:38; Luke 23:46)

C. Jesus called himself by human _____.

He called himself Son of Man over 80 times in the Gospels. He also referred to himself as the Son of David.

III. Isaiah predicted the birth of a _____.

In Isaiah 9:6-7, the prophet spoke of the Messiah who was to come who would be both born as a human child, and yet be known as "*Mighty God, Eternal Father.*" He also wrote in Isaiah 7:14 that this same person would be born of a virgin, and yet His name would be called Immanuel, which means "God with us."

IV. Mary's Experience indicates that she gave _____ to a God Man.

The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that although she was a virgin, she would conceive a child through the power of the Holy Spirit, which would come upon her. This child then would be known as the Son of the Most High and the Son of God. (Luke 1:32-35)

Mary lived through the realities of the birth. She parented the child and lived with Him for 30 years. And yet she also witnessed amazing expression of divine power during Christ's 3 year ministry.

SUMMARY THOUGHTS

Christ died – thus thoroughly affirming his humanity, but He rose again thus thoroughly affirming His deity.

Christ is God incarnate - One person with two distinct _____, one divine the other very human, forever fused into one awesomely unique individual. At Christmas we celebrate the advent of this amazing person. It is the anniversary of the time when The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

Use this section in your personal or family devotions to better apply the truth.

1. How would you explain the incarnation to a curious friend?
2. What passage of Scripture best captures the issues for you?
3. What significance do you think the incarnation has for us?