

THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST

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I love that song (go into detail)

(HOOK) What is INCARNATION?

Let's begin with a question, shall we?

- **What is incarnation?**
 - Incarnation is defined as a person who embodies in the flesh a deity, spirit, or abstract.
- **So now that we understand what incarnation is, let's ask ourselves the question, "*Why did Christ put on flesh?*"**
- **Let's Pray!**

Let's tackle one thing at a time.

Many of us may wonder why Christ put on flesh. There are many reasons why we may ask that question but first we must look at ourselves.

(**BOOK**) Turn in your Bible to *Romans 3:22-24*(Slide), the word of God states:

² This righteousness is given through faith in^[h] Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Let's take a look at us.

- We live in a world of poverty
- We live in a world of hate
- We live in a world of division
- We live in a world of sin

If we live in a world of so much negativity there has to be a way for us to get out!

As humans, we try to do so many things on our own without understanding that we have a way out of our own misery, but it doesn't lie in us. If it did, we would already have found the remedy.

(**LOOK**) You see the Bible says in *Hebrews 2:14-17*(Slide):

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of Him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason He had

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Oh! I think we're getting somewhere!

(Tap your neighbor)

So once again let us ask ourselves, "***Why did Christ put on flesh?***"

- Church, let me just say that Christ came so that a sinner like me could understand a Savior.
- Christ came so that a sinner like you could understand a Savior.

Now I know some of you may be a bit confused.

Some of you may be thinking:

- Christ put on flesh to save us
- Christ put on flesh to die for our sins
- Christ put on flesh to create light in a dark world.

Listen, I'm not saying those things are wrong, I am saying that Christ simply put on flesh so that a human like you and a human like me can understand a salvation, understand a Savior.

You see, we can continue to seek the face of God, but the fact is the Bible tells us that the human eye cannot see God. That's why there's an *incarnation*—it's the **mystery** Paul speaks of throughout his letters. We truly cannot process such beauty.

Exodus 33:19-20 (Slide) states:

¹⁹ And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," He said, "you cannot see My face, for no one may see Me and live."

Look at that!

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So, why do you think Christ put on flesh?

(Tap your neighbor)

Christ put on flesh so that a sinner like you and me could understand the face of God and live.

- No one puts an algebra book in front of a toddler and says, “Learn this!”
- No one takes an inexperienced swimmer and throws them in the deep end.
- No one says you were born with Value & Purpose without saying “your life has promise and potential *as it unfolds* in accordance to God’s eternal plan.”

When you need to learn something and when you need to obtain something it must be in your terms of understanding.

You see Jesus was a lot like a modern educator.

As an education major at Delaware State University, my professor, Dr. Newton, always says that in order to reach a student with a proper learning goal it has to:

(Slide For each learning goal point)

- Have a Bloom’s Taxonomy Action Verb
- Be observable (be able to see what they are doing)
- Be measurable
- Contain content
- Be in *student terms* (understandable to the students at that grade level and skill)

So why am I saying this? I’m saying this because we could not have a Savior if Jesus did not stoop down (as our guest, Reggie Dabbs put it last week) to our level so that a sinner like me and you could understand the face of God and live.

THAT'S WHY IT IS CHRIST-MAS

You see Jesus didn't come in a bougie fashion. He came in a manager with animals. He had nothing!

- He didn't come in a palace
- He didn't come with riches
- He didn't parade himself before people

He came to hang with the lowest of the low.

And if you can't understand or relate to that, then I don't know what to tell you.

- People say to me all the time, "Why would I listen to these politicians?"
- People say to me all the time, "These rich people don't know what it's like to be in my shoes."
- People say to me all the time, "Who is going to be there for me?"
- People say to me all the time, "No one knows what I am going through."

I say, "Oh really? HE does!"

You see, Jesus didn't put on flesh to look appealing to the eye. He didn't put on flesh to say, "Come follow me and obtain these riches.

* He put on flesh so the lowest of the low could find comfort.

* He put on flesh so that a woman standing on the corner could find some hope.

- * He put on flesh so that an abusive parent could find mercy and get their life together.
- * He put on flesh so that a tax collector could rethink his life.
- * He put on flesh so an addict could seek recovery.
- * He put on flesh so a leader could lead correctly.
- * He put on flesh so that a teen could stop cutting herself.
- * He put on flesh so that a suicidal man could know that everything is going to be alright.
- * He put on flesh so that a criminal could stop what they were doing.
- * He put on flesh so that our black and white brothers could walk in unity.

(TOOK) HE PUT ON FLESH FOR YOU. (Slide)

Jesus is saying, ***“You understand where I come from and I understand where you come from, so why don’t you come walk with me.”***

That’s what Christmas is all about!

- Jesus didn’t have to save the woman who was caught red-handed in adultery.
- Jesus didn’t have to save Zacchaeus from a sinful, corrupt life.
- Jesus didn’t have to heal the leper.
- Jesus didn’t have to raise the widow’s son from the dead.

- Jesus didn't have to cast out demons.

But we serve a God who was willing to put on flesh so a sinner like you and a sinner like me could understand that a Savior is here, and He's here for us!

It's about a God who put on flesh so a sinner like you and a sinner like me could understand that there is hope, and it's in Him!

You best believe I needed Jesus to stoop down to my level. You best believe I needed to understand the face of God, and could not have understood it any other way.

I know many of you here know my testimony and there may be some here who don't.

ILLUSTRATION: Mother and Father illustration.

I don't need anyone to feel bad for me. I don't need anyone to feel sympathy for me. Do you know why?

Because I have walked through the *valley of the shadow of death* and I have feared evil, but I no longer will because I have understood and have found the face of God and now, I have something to put my hope in.

If He can do that for me, He can do that for you.

So, for one final time, let us ask ourselves, “***Why did Christ put on flesh?***”

He put on flesh so we could relate to a Savior that came here for us. And all the other reasons apply after understanding that.

Christ put on flesh:

- To bring light to a dark world
- To bring the truth to a world that was deceived by the lie.
- To bring peace to a world at war.
- To show God’s love to the sinners undeserving of forgiveness.
- To die for you and me.
- But, most importantly, Christ put on flesh, to remove your sin so you can seek the FACE OF A HOLY GOD and have a guaranteed ETERNAL LIFE with Him.

John 3:16-17(slide) states: ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

If you don’t understand eternal life, or if you don’t understand the face of God, why not start here?

Admit– your sins have separated you from God. (Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

Believe – that God did something about your sins through Jesus Christ. (The final Pascal Lamb/Messiah.)
(Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

Commit – yourself to His righteousness by confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

Do it today! (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, thank you for loving me. I admit that I am a sinner. I believe that you did something about my sin, through your son Jesus, when He died, so that I could be forgiven. Jesus, come into my heart, I give you my life. I make you my Lord and Savior. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS: Those of you who prayed with me today and **received** Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please fill out the **Welcome Card** or **White Envelope** found in the pew in front of you and check the box that says FTD. Place it in the offering baskets as you leave the Church. We'll be in touch this week via letter giving you a few pointers on how to grow in your fellowship with Christ.

Those of you watching **online who prayed with me, please . . .**

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