

## **THE INCARNATION -2**

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**REVIEW:** The Bible is a book of remembering; Christmas reminds us of the Virgin Birth; the Word became flesh; Man's need: pass from death to life, righteousness, a mediator. Qualifications: a man, righteous, understands temptation, be free from Satan's authority.

#### **CONTINUE: Prophecies**

- **GEN. 3:15** Four declarations: enmity between Satan and women; enmity between Satan's and the woman's seed (seed of the woman, not man); He will bruise Satan's head; Satan's seed will bruise His heel. Women have been mistreated; Cain killed Abel (a virgin conceived); Satan's authority was stripped, and the Church is being persecuted (**ACTS 8:1**).
- **IS. 7:14** The doctrine of the Incarnation teaches that Jesus was divinely conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit. The Hebrew word for virgin is *almah*, which means a woman who is pure and virtuous, who has not been intimate with a man (**LUKE 1:26-38**).
- **IS. 9:6** A child is born (Jesus, humanity); a son is given (Christ, deity). Jesus represents His human nature, Christ represents His divine nature (**MT. 1:18-25 NLT**).
- **MICAH 5:2 NKJV** Two predictions are made: first, the birthplace of Israel's future ruler (Bethlehem). Second, His coming forth is from everlasting, the days of eternity or ancient days (**DAN. 7:9 NASB**). Only Jesus fits Micah's claims (**JOHN 4:25-26; 8:58**). No other ruler fits Micah's description.

#### **Fullness of Time (GAL. 4:4-5)**

- Involves the Jews, Greeks, and Romans. The Jews provided the messianic prophecies and scriptures. The Greeks provided a precise language. The Romans provided peace. "Born of a woman" not having the Adamic bloodline tainted with sin. "Under the law" so He could fulfill every claim and demand required. He fulfilled the moral law in His life, and the ceremonial law in His death. **ROM. 8:3-4 NLT**

#### **Mary and Joseph (JOHN 19:25)**

Mary and Joseph both knew the birth of Jesus was supernatural. They knew Jesus was the Messiah. Mary loved her son as any mother would. All she had to do to prevent the death of her son was to say Joseph was His father, not God. Instead, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross and watched her son die because she knew the charge against Him was true. She heard Gabriels's announcement. She gave birth to a child without knowing a man and she watched Him die a sacrificial death because He indeed was the Son of God. She knew the Incarnation was true!

#### **Jesus – JOHN 8:52-59 HCSB**

Jesus made His identity so clear, they picked up stones to kill Him. **JOHN 5:36-40** They refused to believe He was their Messiah. **JOHN 1:11-12** says it all. They received Him not.

**Conclusion: To be continued.**