

# The incarnation of Christ

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flesh and dwelt among us**

# **1. Jesus Christ has always been divine, but now has taken on a human nature**

Philippians 2:5 ...have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

**1. Jesus Christ has always been divine,  
but now has taken on a human nature**

Isaiah 9

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

**He is the God-man**

## **2. Jesus Christ has two natures – a divine nature and a human nature**

Colossians 2

9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

**Two distinct natures - yet united in one person**

## Colossians 1

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

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Hebrews 2

17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

### **3. Jesus Christ will for all eternity have these two natures**

2 Corinthians 8

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

## **4. The incarnation of the God-man is the cornerstone of the Gospel**

Galatians 4

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.



## **4. The incarnation of the God-man is the cornerstone of the Gospel**

Only a human could fulfill the righteous requirements of the law

Only a human had a body that could suffer for sin

Only a human could shed his blood for sin

Only a human could die as a sacrifice for sin

Only a human could empathize with us as high priest

Only a human could be the second Adam

## **4. The incarnation of the God-man is the cornerstone of the Gospel**

Only Christ could carry the sins of the whole world

Only Christ could be worthy to die for the sins of the whole world

Only Christ could break through the power of death

Only Christ could love so perfectly that He would give so much to redeem us

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