

## Jesus is Lord... of Incarnation; John 1:14

### I. Incarnation

- A. Merriam-Webster's - Invested with bodily and especially human nature and form; "she is the incarnation of goodness"
- B. Biblically - God being invested with bodily human nature and form (Jesus)
- C. Jesus is the very incarnation of God
- D. We must believe that Jesus is the very incarnation of God who dwelt in bodily form among men proclaiming the Kingdom of God

### II. In The Beginning

- A. John 1:1-3; 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- B. Jesus created of everything
- C. "And God said"
  - 1. Each day of creation listed in Genesis 1 begins with "And (then) God said"
  - 2. Said - to utter, say, address, answer
  - 3. Word - to say, talk, utter, give accounting of
- D. John tells us that Jesus (the Word of God) was with God in the beginning and created everything
- E. God tells us that Jesus (God said) was with him in the beginning and created everything
- F. Genesis 1:26; Then God said, "Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
  - 1. "Let us make" - verb, first person, plural
  - 2. "Our" - pronoun, first person, plural
  - 3. Deuteronomy 6:4; "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
  - 4. Deuteronomy 6:4; »Escucha, Israel: El Señor nuestro Dios es el único Señor.
  - 5. LORD - YHWH (noun, singular); God - Elohim (noun, plural)
  - 6. YHWH - may be derived from an old hebrew root meaning "to be" (AHYH)
  - 7. Exodus 3:14; God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, '**I am** has sent me to you.' "
  - 8. John 8:58; Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I am**."
- G. 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.
- H. From the beginning Jesus (the Word) has been with the Father

### III. Became Flesh

- A. John 1:14; And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- B. Can you imagine a Creator who would give up all the glory, honor, and power to walk among His creation as one of them?
- C. Flesh - the physical and functioning body
- D. Philippians 2:5-7; 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be

grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

E. Hebrews 2:14–18; 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

1. He had to take on flesh (humanity) in order to suffer the same way/things we do
2. Hebrews 4:14–16; 14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
3. There is a teaching that says that God was never really human; but that His Spirit occupied the body of Jesus and just before Jesus died, the Spirit left him
4. But believing that God came in the flesh is a key part of The Faith
5. 2 John 7; For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

F. Yet, even in the Flesh, Jesus is God

#### IV. Is God

A. Hebrews 1:3–4; 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

1. Radiance - brightness, reflection
2. Exact imprint - character

B. 2 Corinthians 4:4; In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

1. Image - that which has the same form as something else
2. Where we get the English word "icon"
3. Colossians 1:15; He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

C. John 8:58; Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I am**."

D. John 10:29–30; 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

E. Jesus and God (the Father) are one

F. The Father is the Son, the Son is the Father

#### V. Jesus is Lord

A. He was with God, He was God, in the beginning

B. He became flesh (human) and suffered all that we suffer (yet without sin)

C. His sacrifice satisfied God's wrath

D. This is the Lord we serve; Jesus is Lord... of Incarnation!