

# **THE LIFE *and* TIMES of JESUS CHRIST**

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**“Christ and His First Coming”**

The Earthly Birth and Advancement of Jesus Christ

**THE THEME OF THIS SERIES:**

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**Jesus Christ, His Deity, His Incarnation**

Luke 2:6-20

**Our Theme Verse for This Series**

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“For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead  
dwells in bodily form”

**Christ’s First Coming**

**- The incarnation**

The taking upon, or the adopting of, the physical human attribute

The Importance of Jesus Having Come in the Flesh is paramount to  
Christianity

1 John 4:1-3

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

2 John 1:7

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as having come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

# The Incarnation of Christ

is that divine act of God whereby He Willingly took upon Himself the form of a Human, God becoming Human

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

## *The Descending of God to Man*

Religion is not Christianity  
Religion is a Man-made effort of Seeking after God  
Where Christianity is God, Seeking after Man

Christianity  
is Not a call to Religion

It's a Call to Friendship, Relationship, Every day Living

Ezekiel 36:27

"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

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But To Accomplish This,  
Jesus Would First have to Come to Earth to Create the Way

## “Christ and His First Coming”

### 1.) His Coming was Prophesied of in Advance

Jesus Christ was,  
and is, the Only Personality in all of History to have ever had His Life  
pre announced in detail... That Detail is Called the Bible!

His Coming was Prophesied of in Advance

#### a.) Predicted by God Himself

Genesis 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and **her Seed**; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

## “her Seed” which is a biological impossibility



her Seed heb. is a reference to a divine act.

an implying that by divine intervention a Son (the male sperm determines the gender) would be created / provided.

Genesis 22:2, 6-8

2 And God said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."... 6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb

## The Incarnation of Messiah would be the Sending of the Lamb

John 1:29

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Revelation 5:12

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches

Luke 1:26-35

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

## His Coming was Prophesied of in Advance

### b.) Predicted by God's Prophets

Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Malachi 3:1-2

**Verse 1 - is regarding His First coming to Israel**

"Behold, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me . Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

It was Propheesied of in Advance

c.) Predicted by God's Word - the Bible

Psalm 40:7

"Behold, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me.

# The Bible is About Jesus

Jewish Scholars Say  
that Every Page of the Old Testament is of Messiah

Christian Scholars Say  
Every Page of the Old & New Testaments is of Messiah

## **Isaiah 61:1-2 – Luke 4:18**

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to

Romans 1:1-4

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Peter 1:20-21

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

## The "Confrontational" Truths of Scripture

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Matthew 22:41-46

Then, surrounded by the Pharisees, Jesus asked them a question: 42 "What about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. (THEY GAVE HIM THE RIGHT ANSWER) 43 "Then why does David, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, call him 'Lord'?" Jesus asked. "For David said, 44 'God said to my Lord (MY SON - OFFSPRING) , Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies beneath your feet.' 45 Since David called him 'Lord,' how can he be merely his son?" (THE SON HAD TO BE MORE THEN A SON) 46 They had no answer. **And after that no one dared ask him any more questions.**

## Another "Confrontational" Truth

John 10:7-9

Then Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

## 2.) His Coming to Earth was Experientially Confirmed

John 1:1, 10-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have **heard**, which we have **seen with our eyes**, which we have **looked upon**, and **our hands have handled**, concerning the Word of life-- 2 the life was manifested, and we have **seen**, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- 3 that which we have **seen** and **heard** we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

## *Those Who Have Fellowship with God Know How Real He Becomes in Our Lives*

### a.) Confirmed by Eyewitness Accounts

#### The Nation Witnessed Him

Matthew 21:1-5

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. 3 "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey..... 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!"

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

### b.) Confirmed by What God Had Said

Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, **whose goings forth are from of old, even from everlasting.**"

### Matthew 2:1-6

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

### Luke 2:8-15

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" 15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

# The Virgin Born

### Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

### Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His



people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 **and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.**

## The Male Determines the Gender Genetically...

### *The Son (Not Daughter) of God*

c.) Confirmed by What People Saw

## The Gospels Unveil the Works of the Messiah

Luke 7:11-22

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. 12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." 15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. 16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." 17 And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region. 18 Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. 19 And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" 20 When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" 21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. 22 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Luke 18:35-43

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. 36 And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. 37 So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he

cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, 41 saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And he said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." 42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

### 3.) His Coming Changed the Course of Human History

**Today's Date is - August 1, 1999**  
because Jesus Christ's Life is How Time is Measured Today

#### a.) By Qualifying God's Plan for the Ages

- To **identify** with humanity
- To **reveal** God to man
- To **show** the power of God over evil
- To **forgive** mankind their sins
- To **destroy** the works of Satan
- To **represent** our concerns to the Father

#### b.) By Vindicating God's Justice

Ezekiel 18:4

"Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death,  
but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

## c.) By Enacting the Power of Salvation

Hebrews 9:16-17

For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

Hebrews 9:26

...but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Romans 5:8-9

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek (Gentile).

# “Christ and His First Coming” The Incarnation of Jesus Christ

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was **manifested** in the flesh, **justified** in the Spirit, **seen** by angels, **preached** among the Gentiles, **believed** on in the world, **received** up in glory.

Philippians 2:6-8

who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7... made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

*...The Challenge*

1 Timothy 2:3-5

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, (there's no peter, paul or mary)

Revelation 22:13-16

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last....16  
"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Romans 9:5

of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

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