

Words That Matter!
"Incarnation"
Selected Passages

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1. What is incarnation?

2. Why is incarnation important?

The birth of Jesus (Matt 1:18-24)

- Isaiah 7:14 - Immanuel: GOD WITH US!

INCARNATION - literally means "EN - FLESHMENT" or, slightly more fully, "EMBODIMENT in FLESH" and comes from the Latin word "incarnari" which means "BE MADE FLESH."

- The central Christian doctrine of incarnation is this: the ETERNAL WORD of God, the Son of God, the second Person of the Trinity, BECAME MAN in Jesus Christ, who was then TRULY GOD and TRULY MAN." (John 1:1-2, 14 & 17-18)

So, why is incarnation important?

- Again, because it was God's SOLUTION for man's depravity.
 - Just as sin entered the world through the choice of man (ADAM and EVE in Gen 3; Rom 5:12).
 - God's solution for sin was the choice of one man (JESUS) to be the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE for sin (Rom 5:19; 1 Cor 15:21-22; 1 Peter 3:18).

3 key ideas about God incarnate from Philippians 2:5-11:

1. Incarnate Jesus is GOD. (vs 6; Col 1:19-20)
2. The incarnation shows Jesus' HUMILITY. (vs 7-8; Mark 10:45)
3. Jesus' incarnate SACRIFICE, and subsequent RESURRECTION, reveals His divine AUTHORITY! (vs 9-11; Rom 5:6-8)

Deuteronomy 29:29

For further study:

Luke 1:35; Galatians 4:4-7; Colossians 1:15-23; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrew 2:14-17; 1 John 4:1-3)

