

Message Notes

"The God who becomes human"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "Four Snapshots of God and what that says about him and about us"

The God who:

Creates

Has compassion on the rebellious

Makes and keeps promises

Will not be mocked

THE GOD WHO BECOMES HUMAN

A brief overview of the rest of the OT

From Genesis to Malachi, the crescendo is getting louder and louder!!!

Genesis 3:14, 15

Deuteronomy 18:15

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 9:6, 7

Micah 5:2

Malachi 4:1-6

And then... AND THEN... nothing...

The wait...400 years of silence

Finally...

Galatians 4:4, 5

When the time had fully come?

How two of the gospel writers describe the incarnation:

Matthew 1:18-25

John 1:1-4, 14, 18

What exactly happened at the Incarnation?

Philippians 2:5-11

Westminster Confession VIII/ii

What difference does this make? Implications about God and us from the Incarnation:

1. God is with us!
2. God is for us!
3. God delights in restoring the greatness of his name
4. God is willing to go to extreme measures to do that
5. God is a genius
6. If you wonder who God is, look at Jesus
7. We are only called to receive it, to take the gift
8. We are then called to live a similar life, an incarnational life with others (John 20:21)

Application – Joy to the World!

[Grab a Bible for the passages not written out here]

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

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about:

His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" — which means, "God with us." ²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

John 1:1-4, 14, 18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 21:20

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."