



Memorial Park

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

He Made His Dwelling Among Us

Introduction

There are a number of ways to approach a study of the Incarnation. Among these are investigations of the OT prophecies, a review of the NT Christmas story, interpretations of the symbolisms in these accounts, considerations of pre-incarnation accounts, etc. This study seeks to emphasize the significance and meaning of Immanuel, God with us.

Isaiah 9:6-7 The Names of the Messiah

List the names of the Messiah given by Isaiah.

1. What do the names mean?
2. Based on the names of the Messiah, what should we expect to see in him?

Philippians 2:5-8 The Humility of the Messiah

1. What did Jesus give up by moving from Heaven to Earth?
2. What was his position in Heaven prior to the incarnation?
3. What was his position on Earth?
4. Of what did he "empty himself"? (Verse 7 KJV) Which of his divine attributes did he not exhibit? What did he take off, and what did he put on?

Micah 5:2-5a, John 1:1-18 The Coming of the Messiah

1. What was important about the town of Bethlehem? What was its history?
2. Note: The town of Bethlehem had another name, Ephrathah. These names have meanings as follows:
3. Bethlehem—House of bread. (See John 6:35)
4. Ephrathah—The root meaning of the Hebrew word, Ephrath, is "fruitfulness" or "fertility." (See John 15:5-8)
5. What was Bethlehem's history?

See *Gen 35:16-20; Ruth 1:1-2; I Sam 1:1-2; & I Sam 16:1.*

1. Who sent the Messiah? (Micah 5:2)
2. Who received the Messiah? (John 1:10-13)
3. What was his purpose? (John 1:29, Rom 14:9, & Heb 1:1-3.)

Hebrews 2:10-3:1 Our Relationship to the Messiah

1. Why does the text refer to the Messiah as our brother?
2. What does the Messiah's relationship with us teach us about him?
3. Why is that relationship permanent?
4. What does the incarnation say about the image of God?

Hebrews 4:14-16 The Sympathy of the Messiah

1. How do we know that the Messiah understands us?
2. What is the basis for our confidence before "the throne of grace"?

Hebrews 10:5-14 The Priesthood of the Messiah

1. How is the incarnation an absolute requirement for the priesthood of the Messiah?
2. How is the Messiah a different kind of priest from those who served in the Tabernacle and in the Temple?

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Luke 1:26-38 The Sovereignty of the Messiah

1. What did the angel Gabriel tell Mary about what Jesus would be?
2. What contrasts did Gabriel make between David and Jesus?
3. Note the OT prophecies regarding the throne of David:
 - a. Daniel 2:44-45
 - b. II Sam 7:12-16
 - c. Psalm 89:28-38
 - d. I Chronicles 28:7
 - e. I Chronicles 17:11-14; 22:9-10; 28:6-7
 - f. Jeremiah 33:17
 - g. I Kings 9:4-7
4. What are the benefits of the Messiah's eternal identification with us? Heb 7:23-25, Rom 8:34-39, Eph 1:3-14