

2024 Christmas Special

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Series: The Incarnation of the Son of God

Message: Twelve New Testament Reasons for the Incarnation of the Son of God; Selected verses

Let's look at twelve reasons for the incarnation of the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I) Summary of the Predictions and Promises for the incarnation of the Son of God

- A) Predictions and promises: We considered several strong prophetic predictions last week.
- 1) Abrahamic promises from Genesis
 - (a) That an heir, a son, would be born to Abraham and Sarah.
 - (i) This heir would be a blessing to the nations.
 - (a) Salvation would come to Jews and Gentiles.
 - 2) Prophetic predictions given to Isaiah
 - (a) The Christ would be the Compassionate Servant of God.
 - (i) Isaiah 42:1-4: A bruised reed He will not break; A smoldering wick He will not snuff out.
 - (b) The Christ would be the Suffering Servant
 - (i) Isaiah 52:13-15: The Suffering Servant (and He was).
 - (ii) Isaiah 53:1-3: The Despised Servant (and He was).
 - (iii) Isaiah 53:4-10: The Sin Bearing Servant (and he was).
 - (iv) Isaiah 53:11: The Risen Servant (and He was).
 - (v) Isaiah 53:12-13: The Faithful Servant (and He is).
 - 3) The Grand Promises concerning the Christ
 - (a) Isaiah 7:14: Born of a virgin and, truly God and truly man!
 - (i) The incarnated presence of God the Son with us in a human body!
 - (b) Isaiah 9:6-7: The Incarnated Son of God would be given all authority, and all wisdom.
 - (c) 2 Samuel 7:11b-14a This Son, Christ Jesus, is the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant, which promised David and forever king, sitting on a forever throne, ruling over a forever kingdom!
 - (d) Micah 5:2: The Son of God would be born in Bethlehem (and He was).

II) Twelve New Testament reasons for the incarnation of the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ!

- A) From the Gospels and from the epistles.
- 1) **To Save Sinners:** Matthew 1:21: You are to give Him the name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.
 - (a) 1 Timothy 1:15 confirms His saving work: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."
 - (b) Hebrews 9:26b: "But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself."
 - 2) **To Do the Father's will:** John 6:38: "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me."
 - (a) John 6:39-40: "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day. For My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise Him up at the last day."
 - 3) **To Be made like His people:** Hebrews 2:14, 17: "Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy Him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil... For this reason, He had to become a merciful and faithful High Priest in service to God, and that He would make atonement for the sins of the people."

- 4) **To destroy the works of the devil:** as mentioned already, Hebrews 2:14, to destroy the devil who holds the power of death.
 - (a) Also, 1 John 3:8b: “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”
- 5) **To Give Life eternally and abundantly:** John 10:10: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have *life* and have it more abundantly.”
 - (a) John 6:51: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I give for the life of the world.”
- 6) **To Give His life as a ransom for many:** Mark 10:45: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.”
 - (a) Titus 2:13-14: “...while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing (second coming) of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that His very own, eager to do what is good.”
- 7) **To demonstrate God’s love for sinners:** Romans 5:8: “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”
 - (a) John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
- 8) **To call sinners to repentance:** Mark 2:17: “On hearing this, Jesus said to them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have come to call sinners (to repentance) not the righteous.’”
- 9) **To seek and to save the lost:** Luke 19:5, 9-10: “When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.’ ...Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.’”
- 10) **To serve:** Mark 10:45: “For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.”
 - (a) Philippians 2:5-8: “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be *grasped*, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross.”
- 11) **To bring good news, bind up the brokenhearted and set captives free:** Luke 4:18-19 with Isaiah 61:1-2a: “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor...”
- 12) **To reveal the glory of God in its fullness:** John 1:14: “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the only begotten, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
 - (a) John 17:4: “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began.”

III) Application

- A) Do you know Him? Do you delight in this wonderful person, the Lord Jesus Christ. How will you use what you have learned today to help you love Him more and revere Him in your daily life?