

Incarnation

Matthew 1:21

Introduction: What should be the Christian's view of Christmas?

It's place in worship

Opportunities for Influence and Teaching

Why did God create Adam as adult, but Jesus came as baby?

Angels appear as babies, Jesus lived forever

I. Incarnation

Meaning to be in bodily form. All God and All man

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but 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.

II. Vulnerability

Irony of God unwanted in manger, raised by poor people

Jesus reaches out to the weak, Luke 15, John 4

1 Corinthians 1:26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*

III. Prophecy

He fulfilled the Law, Matthew 5:17

From Tribe of Judah (Genealogy) Genesis 49:10

Circumcised on 8th day Genesis 17:10

Priest at age 30 Numbers 4:3

Place foretold Micah 5:2 Born in Bethlehem

Virgin foretold, Isaiah 7:14. Luke 3, Matthew 1 Genealogy

IV. Relate-ability

John 1:14 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

What's it like to be poor?

What's it like to not have parents understand?

Luke 2:41ff temple

What's it like to be a teenager

Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin

V. He was Born So that He Could Die

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Luke 19:10, 2 Corinthians 5:21