God Incarnate, Can It Be?

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk about something today that, if we truly understand it, if we get it, should have some kind of impact on the way we think and the way we live.
- And that truth is God taking up human flesh, as we have sung.
- He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. This is the grand message of the Bible.

1 His Descent

John 17:5; Philippians 2:5–8; Colossians 2:9

- Even before any of this was ever done, he experienced glory and joy with his father as they were one in heaven. And he surrendered that.
- He emptied himself, taking the form of a bond servant, and made in the likeness of man. That's what he surrendered.
- But do not say that he surrendered his deity, because Paul makes it very clear in Colossians 2 and verse 9, for in him all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form.
- But the extent of the descent is unconscionable. That he who did no sin would be treated as a criminal.
- He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death. A death that he did not deserve. But not just death, it says even death on a cross.

2 God Has Highly Exalted Him

Philippians 2:9–11; Colossians 2:10; Matthew 23:10–12

- Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
- That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.
- The places of honor and privilege are reserved for the humble. He who humbled himself to the uttermost was then exalted to the uttermost.
- The weakest and most helpless person who puts his or her trust in the Lord will ultimately be shown stronger than the most mighty and powerful who refuse dependency.
- The result of our understanding of Emmanuel is we should be led to profound and deep reverence.

3 To Fix the Problem of Sin Required an Extreme Measure

1 John 2:2

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- God’s holiness and justice demanded more. It demanded the perfect sacrifice, and he himself provided it.
- He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world.
- That word propitiation simply means it is the satisfying of God’s anger towards sin.

4 He Left an Example for Us

1 Peter 2

- He left an example for us. He provided a pattern for living that we can imitate. And it’s more than moral purity.
- He showed us how to regard others and serve others above ourselves.
- He redeemed us from the emptiness and futility of bowing at the shrine of self. Which is the God of our times.

5 For the Purpose of Bringing Many Sons to Glory

- The Hebrew writer says in chapter 2, it was for the purpose of bringing many sons to glory.
- Jesus led the way to glory.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you need these three things? Absolutely. Choose to serve Him while there’s time and opportunity.

MY NOTES