Essential Doctrines

of the Faith Series (Part 7)

“THE INCARNATION: GOD RELATES”

Answering the questions:

I. What does the “Incarnation” mean?

* Incarnation – that Jesus is God come into human

history, in flesh.

II. How did people know God was coming?

a. He will be born of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” Genesis 3: 15

b. He will be born of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ woman.

“14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7: 14

c. He will be a King Born in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.” Micah 5: 2

d. He will be born before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“1 Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.” Malachi 3: 1

III. HOW DID GOD COME INTO HUMAN HISTORY?

* He was born of a poor virgin girl.

“18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).” Matthew 1: 18-25

IV. IS JESUS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN?

a. Chalcedonian Creed (451 AD) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Union - Jesus is one person with two natures, both human and divine.

b. Jesus stated that he himself was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“30 I and the Father are one.”31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” 33 The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” John 10:30-33

c. The Witness of the Apostle John.

“1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life,[a] and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own,[b] and his own people[c] did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son[d] from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.[e] 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God,[f] who is at the Father's side,[g] he has made him known.” John 1: 1-18

V. HOW COULD GOD BECOME A MAN?

a. Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“1 … I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. ... 3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”” Isaiah 6: 1-3

“41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.” John 12: 41

b. In his incarnation, Jesus never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being God.

“5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” Philippians 2: 5-11