



**Incarnation 2012**  
**Message One of Four**  
**The Light Of The World**

The Incarnation (God born in the flesh) is the manifestation of the Light of God on the earth.

So why is the Incarnation so important?  
 Because who Christ IS will determine  
 WHAT He is able to do!

**The Biblical Nature of the Incarnation**

Just who was this 'Light' that was born to a virgin and fulfilled the prophecies of the coming Messiah?

**A. Jesus the Light was Fully Human**

*See 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 2:14; 1 Jn 4:2; Heb 2:17-18*

***Jesus had to be human in order to die,  
 and in order to be a true mediator-priest  
 who could represent humanity before God!***

1. **Sinless humanity** *2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; 1 Jn 3:5* Jesus had to be morally blameless in order to be able to die for others!
2. **Could Jesus fall into temptation?**

**Some say:** God can't be tempted [*Jas 1:13*], Jesus is God [*Col 2:9*] therefore Jesus could not sin.

**However:** Jesus was also human and humans are tempted

**Therefore:** Jesus was tempted, yet He did not sin (*see Luke 4*). However, He did become sin for us.

**B. Jesus the Light was Fully God**

1. **Jesus' claims and the response...**
  - a. Claim: John 5:17 — Response John 5:18
  - b. Claim: 8:58 — Response John 8:59
  - c. Claim: John 10:30 — Response John 10:31
2. **The Apostolic witness**
  - a. Author of Hebrews 1:3-10
  - b. John's view John 1:1, 14
  - c. Paul's view Col 2:9; Phil 2:6

*"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."*

*Col 2:8-9*

*"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."*

*Phil 2:5-7*

**Light:**

**The Power of the Incarnation**

**Gen 1 and John 1**

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. *Gen 1:1-3*

**16** Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. **17** God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, **18** and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. *Gen 1:16-19*

**5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend [overcome] it. *John 1:5*

**1. The Light is Alive** *John 1:4*

- This kind of light reproduces itself in the lives of others so that they become '...sons of light.' John 12:36
- This light is full of power Acts 16:18

**2. The Light Created All Things** *John 1:3*

- The powers of darkness CANNOT be as strong as the power of light since the power of light created all things including the darkness. No created thing is more powerful than its creator.

**3. The Light is God** *John 1:1*

- So the light is ALIVE, is full of POWER, created all things because the light is the WORD and the WORD is GOD.

***I am the light of the world, He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life!***

*John 8:12*

**Have you followed Him?**