

The Mysteries of Christ

Week 1: The Incarnation

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**"

Isaiah 6:3 And one cried to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!"

Judgement is manifestation of God Holyness

If you sow evil you will reap evil.

Judgement is the result of action.

- ❖ **Blessing it is God's judgement**
- ❖ **Justice: Give me my right**

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."

The Incarnation

1Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh,

Justified in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Preached among the Gentiles,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory.

What it means

- Jesus Christ is the eternal Second person of trinity. Who in time took upon Himself a complete human nature by being born of the Virgin Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit.

What it means

- He is truly God and truly human, possessing two natures, which are not confused, changed, divided, or separated.
- **Eternal** = never end is the world of God
- **-Time** = world of men. Full of time

Jesus Christ came from Eternity to the time = incarnation.

GOD

- **Creator:** God is uncreated one create everything
- **Unseen One.**

MANIFESTATION

- **Revealed:** Christ made God known to us
- **Proclaimed:** He brought God's word to us.

FLESH

- **Material** : Christ had a real human body
- **Physical** : He could be touched and felt.

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.

3. Significance of Jesus' Birth, Life, and Ministry:

- **Birth in Bethlehem:** Jesus' birth fulfilled prophecies and marking the beginning of God's redemptive plan.

- **Luke 1:35** 35 And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible.”
- **Life and Ministry:** Jesus' life and ministry revealed God's character, brought salvation, and inaugurated God's kingdom on earth.

4. Examples: Jesus' Interactions and Miracles:

- **Teachings:** Jesus, taught the Sermon on the Mount, which revealed God's kingdom values and ethics.
- **Miracles:** Jesus' miracles as signs of his divinity and power over nature, sickness, and death, demonstrating God's presence among humanity.
- **Interactions:** Jesus' interacted with various individuals, including sinners, marginalized groups, and religious leaders, illustrating God's love, grace, and mercy for all people.

- Focus on the mystery of God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ.

- Support with verses such as John 1:14, Philippians 2:5-8, and Hebrews 2:14.

- Highlight the significance of Jesus' birth, life, and ministry in fulfilling God's plan for salvation.

- Examples: Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, his teachings, miracles, and interactions with people.