

# Deeper than December

The Meaning of Christmas  
in the Incarnation of Christ

**“The Necessity of Christmas”**

Selected Scriptures





# 4 Reasons Why the Incarnation of Christ was Necessary

## 1. To Fulfill Prophecy:

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in order to fulfill the Scriptures.



**“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**

**“So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord  
through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a  
Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”**

**Matthew 1:22-23**





**“And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored *one*,  
the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!”**

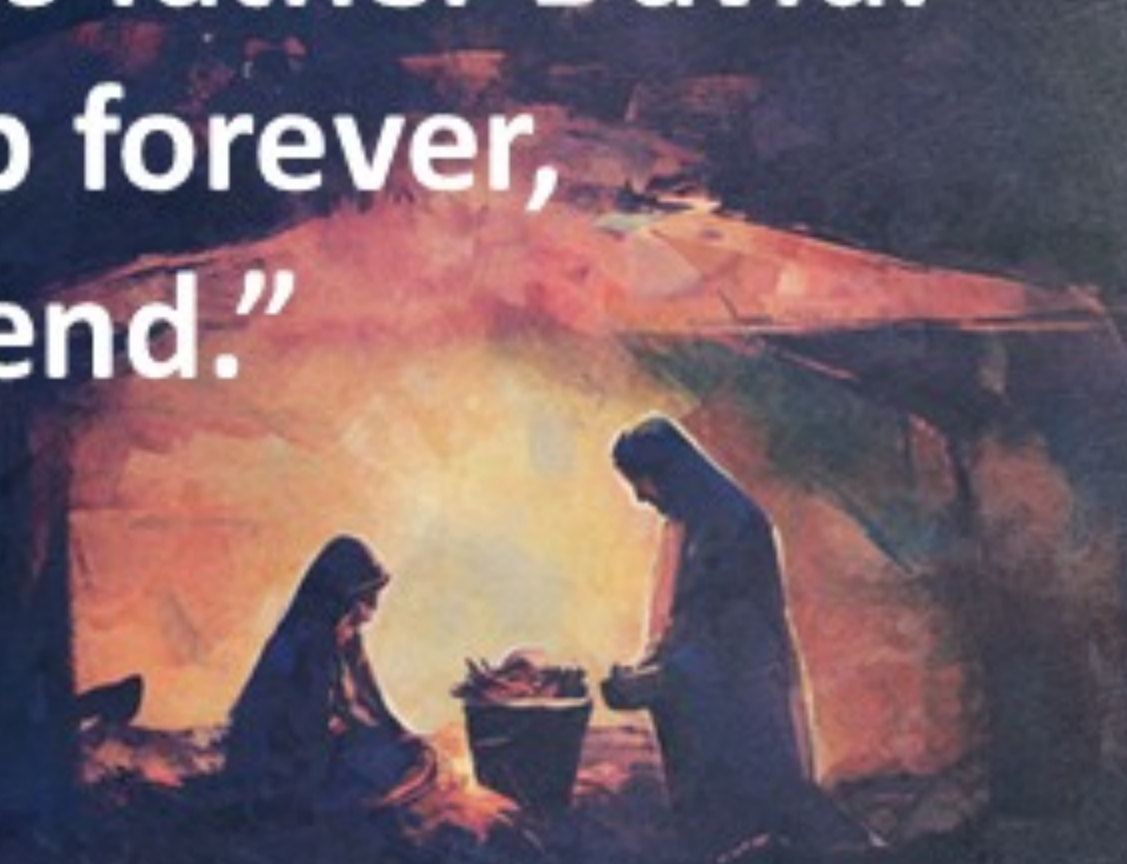
**But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what  
manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her,**

**“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.**

**And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall  
call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest;  
and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.**

**And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of His kingdom there will be no end.”**

**Luke 1:28-33**





**“And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you.  
Your throne shall be established forever.”**

**2 Samuel 7:16 (Spoken to David)**

**“...I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever,  
as I promised David your father, saying,  
‘You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.’”**

**1 Kings 9:5 (Spoken to Solomon)**





**“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.  
I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”  
Matthew 5:17**





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**“...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ  
once for all.” Hebrews 10:10**

**“...but now, once at the end of the ages,  
He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Hebrews 9:26b**

**“And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us,  
an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.” Ephesians 5:2**

**“...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having  
died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”**

**1 Peter 2:24**





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**“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood,  
He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might  
destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release  
those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to  
bondage.” Hebrews 2:14-15**

**“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS,  
for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21**

**“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.  
Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.” Revelation 1:18**

**“And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked  
works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death,  
to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—”  
Colossians 1:21-22**



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### 4. To Reveal the Glorified Body:

Jesus' resurrected and glorified body is a pre-cursor to the future glorified bodies of believers.



**“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.”**

**1 Corinthians 15:20,49**

**“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”**

**Philippians 3:20-21**

**“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”**

**1 John 3:2**