



LUKE 1:35

LUKE: SEEING JESUS MORE CLEARLY | THE INCARNATION

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BIG IDEA:

Seeing Jesus More Clearly - THE INCARNATION

SERMON SUMMARY

In Hebrews 1, we read "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son." Because God has spoken to us by His Son, we want to do all that we can to see His Son, Jesus, more clearly. And, in seeing Him, understand who He wants us to be and what He wants us to do.

In the "Seeing Jesus More Clearly Series," we will rely on Luke's Gospel to help us see Jesus the Perfect Man. And, in seeing Jesus the Perfect Man, experience radical life change. In his prologue to the Gospel, Luke wrote, "Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, 4 so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught." In this four part series we will look to Luke to help us "be certain of the truth" and the difference it makes when considering the Incarnation, the Life and Ministry of Christ, His Death, and His Resurrection.

In the first teaching of this series, we will see how the incarnation can positively influence our everyday living now and forever.

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:35 NLT

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

DIVING INTO THE MESSAGE

Jesus' Incarnation Displays His Divinity

• We See Jesus is 100% God

"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <u>He will be very great</u> and <u>will be called the Son of the Most High</u>. <u>The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David</u>. And <u>he will reign over Israel forever</u>; <u>his Kingdom will never end!</u>"

- ✓ Because Jesus is God, He is Worthy of our Worship
 - ⁵⁰ Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. ⁵² So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. ⁵³ And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.
- ✓ Because Jesus is God (and We Bear His Image), He is Worthy of our Lives
 - "Teacher," they said, "we know that you speak and teach what is right and are not influenced by what others think. You teach the way of God truthfully. ²² Now tell us—is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ²³ He saw through their trickery and said, ²⁴ "Show me a Roman coin." Whose picture and title are stamped on it?" "Caesar's," they replied. ²⁵ "Well then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God." ²⁶ So they failed to trap him by what he said in front of the people. Instead, they were amazed by his answer, and they became silent.

Jesus' Incarnation Displays His Humanity

- We See Jesus is 100% Man (Flesh) There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him. Luke 2:40 NLT
 - ✓ Because Jesus was Man, He Suffered and We Can Jesus More Clearly in our Suffering.
 - God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.
 - ✓ Because Jesus Was Man, He Was Tempted and We Can See Jesus More Clearly in Our Temptation
 - *He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 <i>where he was tempted by the devil for forty days.*

Luke 4: 1b-2a NLT

I8 Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.
Hebrews 2:18 NLT

CONCLUSION

Seeing and understanding the magnitude of the incarnation will Deepen your Worship, Ignite your Devotion and Sustain you in times of Suffering and Temptation.