

# Summary

This Christmas sermon explores why God chose to become man through the birth of Jesus Christ. Pastor Chris examines the miraculous conception announced by the angel Gabriel to Mary and connects it to the profound theological truth that God became flesh to dwell among us. The message emphasizes that Jesus became man for specific purposes: to fulfill Old Testament prophecies, to reveal the Father's character, to save humanity from sin, to sympathize with human weaknesses, and to secure our hope of heaven. The sermon stresses that salvation comes only through accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, not through good works, church membership, or religious affiliation. Through powerful illustrations, including stories of sacrificial love and unexpected royal visits, Pastor Chris demonstrates how God's love led Him to take on human form so that we might have eternal life with Him.

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts for this time of fellowship and study. As we gather to discuss Your Word and the incredible truth of why You became man, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us today. Help us to be receptive to Your Spirit's leading and to encourage one another as we grow in our understanding of Your love and grace. May this time draw us closer to You and to each other. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Ice Breaker

What is your favorite Christmas tradition from childhood, and do you still practice it today?

## Key Verses

- Luke 1:26-38
- John 1:1-14
- Luke 2:16
- Isaiah 7:14
- Micah 5:2
- 1 Timothy 1:15
- Hebrews 4:15-16
- Colossians 1:27

## Questions

- What does it mean to you personally that God chose to become man rather than save us in some other way?
- The sermon mentions over 300 Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. How does this strengthen your faith in Jesus as the promised Savior?
- Jesus said 'if you've seen me, you've seen the Father.' What does this reveal about God's character and His desire to be known by us?
- Pastor Chris emphasized that good works, church attendance, and religious affiliation cannot save us. Why do you think people often rely on these things instead of faith in Christ alone?
- How does knowing that Jesus was 'tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin' help you in your daily struggles?
- The sermon states that when we accept Christ, we become 'worthy' because He lives in us. How should this truth impact how we serve God and others?
- What does the illustration of the disfigured man and his wife teach us about God's love for humanity?
- How can we better share the message that 'royalty has knocked upon the door of our hearts' with others during this Christmas season?

## Life Application

This week, identify one person in your life who needs to hear about God's love and the reason Jesus came to earth. Pray for an opportunity to share the gospel with them, remembering that Jesus became man so that everyone might have the chance to know God personally and receive eternal life.

## Key Takeaways

- Jesus became man to fulfill over 300 Old Testament prophecies about the promised Messiah
- Through Jesus, we can see and know the Father - He is God made visible and approachable
- Salvation comes only through accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, not through good works or religious activities
- Jesus can sympathize with our weaknesses because He experienced human temptation while remaining sinless
- God's love led Him to take on human form so we could have eternal life and hope in heaven

## Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank You for leaving the glory of heaven to become man for our sake. Help us to never take for granted the incredible sacrifice You made to save us from our sins. As we celebrate this Christmas season, may we be reminded daily of Your great love and may we share that love with others who need to know You. Give us boldness to tell others about the gift of salvation and

the hope we have in You. Thank You for being our Savior, our sympathetic High Priest, and our eternal King. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.