

II. EARTHLY JESUS

A. THE INCARNATION

- I. What's it mean? **In** – in + **Carne** – meat = in the meat – God came in the meat, or in the flesh.
- II. Prove it.
 - A. Gen. 3:15 (protoevangelion – 1st gospel) – we see a Son, a serpent, a woman with a Seed, a fight, a painful blow, and a death blow.
 - B. Isaiah 7:14 – A virgin will conceive and one of the Child's names will be Immanuel = God with us.
 - C. Micah 5:2 – A small, dumpy town called Bethlehem will be the birthplace of God (see Luke 2:4).
 - D. Malachi 3:1 - “Behold, I send My messenger (John), and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His *temple*, even the Messenger (Jesus) of the *covenant* (the new), in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts.
- III. The birth – Matthew 1, Luke 1 and 2
 - A. Satan – what was he thinking?
 - B. Gabriel (Luke 1:26) – what was he thinking?
 - C. Mary – (Luke 1:29) - what was she thinking?
 - D. Joseph – (Matt. 1:18) – what was he thinking?
 - E. The angels (Luke 2:13) – what were they thinking?
 - F. The shepherds (Luke 2:17, 20) – what were they thinking?
 - G. Simeon (Luke 2:25) – what was he thinking?
 - H. Anna (Luke 2:36) – what was she thinking?
- IV. He was fully man and fully God.
 - A. The incarnation was not about someone becoming God, it was about God becoming someone.
 - B. If Jesus were not the Lord, he would be a liar or a lunatic – CS Lewis (my paraphrase).
 - C. John 1 – the Word (logos from Heroclitus) – communication; the Light – shows you the way/illuminates darkness; the Lamb – atonement; the ladder (inferred) – takes you up (to heaven).
- V. He fully entered the culture of that day.
 - A. He grew in favor with God.

- B. He grew in favor with men.
- C. He spoke the language.
- D. He had a job.
- E. He had friends and hung out.
- F. He was Spirit led.
- G. He was tempted (in all points).
- H. He had the Spirit upon Him.
- I. He taught.
- J. He served.
- K. He ate.
- L. He traveled.
- M. He prayed.
- N. He contended.
- O. He rebuked.
- P. He comforted.
- Q. He wept.
- R. He laughed...I bet (Ps. 59:8 - But You, O LORD, shall laugh at them; You shall have all the nations in derision)
- S. He lived.
- T. He died.
- U. He rose.
- V. He ascended.
- W. He prays.
- X. He prepares.
- Y. He intercedes.
- Z. He is coming back.