

A VIRGIN SHALL WHAT?

Part I of a III Part Series
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I. LISTENING ANEW TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

- A. Reading of the Christmas Story from Luke 1: 26 - 38; 2:1-20

- B. From a purely human or "worldly" perspective, what aspects or details within the Christmas story are very unique, or are even truly strange?

II. WHAT IS THE INCARNATION?

- A. "Incarnate" means: _____

- B. "Incarnation" means: _____

III. NAMES OF JESUS HIGHLIGHT THREE KEY ASPECTS OF THE INCARNATION

A. "Son of Man" - The Humanity of Jesus

1. Examples of how Jesus used this title in referring to himself
-- Matthew 16:13 - 16, Mark 8:31

2. The significance of Jesus' humanity
-- John 11:35, Matthew 26:36-38, John 4:4-6, Luke 8:23, Matthew 4:1

-- Hebrews 2:17-18, Hebrews 4:14-15

B. "Son of God" - The Deity of Jesus

1. Examples of this title used in reference to Jesus
-- Matthew 4:5-7, Mark 3:11

-- Mark 1:1, Luke 1:35, also see for related information: 1 John 1:1

2. The significance of Jesus' deity
-- Hebrews 1:1-3a, John 1:17-18, John 14:9

-- I John 5:11-12

C. "Savior" - The Sacrifice of Jesus

1. Examples of this title used in reference to Jesus
-- Luke 2:11, John 4:42
2. The significance of Jesus being the Savior
-- Galatians 4:4-5, Luke 19:10

-- Hebrews 9:22

-- Romans 5:12-19

IV. APPLICATION OF THE INCARNATION

A. God's sharing himself with us

*Jesus is God;
Jesus is God "in the flesh" of man;
Jesus is God's sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins.
Jesus is God with us--Emmanuel, yesterday, today and forever!*

Our God Is With Us

By Steven Curtis Chapman

One of us is cryin' as our hopes and dreams are led away in
chains
And we're left all alone
One of us is dyin' as our love is slowly lowered in the grave
Oh and we're left on our own
But for all of us who journey through the dark abyss of
loneliness
There comes a great announcement, we are never alone
For the maker of each heart that breaks, the giver of each
breath we take
Has come to earth and given hope its birth

*And our God is with us, Emmanuel
He's come to save us, Emmanuel
And we will never face life alone
Now that God has made Himself known
As Father and Friend, with us through the end Emmanuel*

He spoke with prophets' voices and showed Himself in a
cloud of fire
But no one had seen His face
Until the One Most Holy revealed to us His perfect heart's
desire

And left His rightful place
And in one glorious moment, all eternity was shaken
As God broke through the darkness that had kept us apart
And with love that conquers loneliness, and hope that fills
all emptiness
He came to earth to show our worth

*And our God is with us, Emmanuel
He's come to save us, Emmanuel
And we will never face life alone
Now that God has made Himself known
As Father and Friend, with us through the end Emmanuel*

So rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel has come

*And our God is with us, Emmanuel
He's come to save us, Emmanuel
And we will never face life alone
Now that God has made Himself known
As Father and Friend, with us through the end Emmanuel*

Our God is with us, Emmanuel

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B. Our sharing God with others

-- A Paraphrased version of "The Story of the Birds"

