

# Big Sunday December 18, 2022 When God Became A Man

Christmas is a time we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was/is Emmanuel, God with us. God became a Man, lived and walked amongst us. Seven stages of this journey when God visited the earth, when God visited man. Let us understand the significance of each of these.

# 1, MIRACULOUS CONCEPTION

#### Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

The angel had informed Mary that she would give birth by the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:30-35)

Why was this necessary? This child would have no earthly human father. No connection with Adam.

This child would be human, but not born of man.

This child was carried in the womb of a woman, but was not conceived by a man.

This child was formed in flesh and blood, but did not carry an earthly father's genes, both naturally and spiritually.

This child was Deity in humanity.

### 2, DIVINE INCARNATION

### John 1:1,14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Why was this necessary?

Every person born of Adam, was born under sin, satan and death.

There had to come a human, but this human should not be under sin, satan and death. Only such a human could then fully represent the human race, and be the One who



would overcome sin, satan and death on behalf of the human race. This could only be possible if God, stepped in as a Man. This is the divine incarnation.

#### 3, HUMBLE HABITATION

### Philippians 2:5-7

the likeness of men.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in

Walked as a man in submission to God.

In His humanity, He walked in complete submission to God, as a son would to his father. He was therefore called the "Son of God".

#### 4, SINLESS PERFECTION

### Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

He conquered sin in the perfect sinless life He lived.

#### 5, REDEEMING SACRIFICE

### 1 John 2:2

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

His sacrifice was unique. No one else has ever done this. He paid for the sins of others, for the sins of the whole world. He alone was qualified to do this. He had no sin of His own.

His death dealt a final blow to sin and satan. Sin's power was broken. Satan was crushed.

## 6, GLORIOUS RESURRECTION AND 7, GLORIOUS EXALTATION



## 1 Peter 3:18,22

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

The incarnation culminates in His glorious resurrection and ascension.

He conquered sin, satan and death. He is seated on the highest throne of this universe, exalted as God, with the glory of the Deity which He had before the incarnation, the Infinite One, the Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent One.

## Seven stages:

Miraculous conception
Divine incarnation
Humble habitation
Sinless perfection
Redeeming sacrifice
Glorious resurrection
Glorious exaltation

#### **OUR SALVATION**

## 1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

He came for all of us. We are invited to trust in Him, follow Him, and live for Him. He is our Savior.

#### **SALVATION CALL**

## SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads





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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

### **Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our sermons page . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

#### Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

### **LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture references: Philippians 2:5-11

#### **INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Review and discuss the seven stages when God became a man, and the significance of each. Take time to thank God for the wonderful work He did for all of us.

Seven stages:

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Divine incarnation
Humble habitation
Sinless perfection



Redeeming sacrifice Glorious resurrection Glorious exaltation

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

## FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

## **ENCOURAGE** each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

# Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.





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#### **SERMON OUTLINE**

In this Christmas sermon we try to understand the wonder of God becoming a Man. We consider each of the seven stages and their significance: the Miraculous conception, the Divine incarnation, the Humble habitation, the Sinless perfection, the Redeeming sacrifice, the Glorious resurrection, and the Glorious exaltation. He did all this for you and me.

#### **KEYWORDS**

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