THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Incarnation = from Latin "in" + "carnis" = "in flesh"

God is spirit (John 4:24); in the incarnation God the Son became flesh (a man) (John 1:14; Col 2:9; I Tim 3:16).

Why did Jesus come to earth?

- To <u>save</u> sinners like us! Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and save to save what was lost". Other scriptures: John 3:16-17, 1:29, 12:47; Matt 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32; I Tim 1:15, 2:5-6; I John 2:1-2, 3:5; II Cor 5:14-21).
- 2) To give us <u>eternal life</u>, starting here on earth (John 3:14-15, 36, 5:24, 11:25-26).
- 3) To give us a <u>full</u> (abundant) life here on earth (John 10:10).
- 4) To enable us to receive <u>eternal rewards</u> and have an <u>eternal home</u> (Matt 16:27, John 14:2-3; Rev 21 & 22). To invite us to be part of His family (Mat 12:46-49; Luke 8:19-21).
- 5) To do the <u>will</u> of his Father and <u>please</u> Him, and complete the work the Father gave Him to do and ultimately bring glory to the Father! (Matt 26:36-39,42; John 4:34, 5:19,30, 6:38, 12:27-28,17:1,4).
- 6) To preach, teach and heal (Matt 4:23-24, 9:35-38).
- 7) To set us an <u>example</u> and how we should think and live (John 13:15; I Peter 2:21; I John 2:6).
- 8) Other?

What are some ways that Jesus coming to earth, and His presence in our lives today can benefit us now? Jesus ...

 Gives us purpose and <u>meaning</u> to our lives. This includes the Great Commands (Love God and Love People) and the Great Commission (make disciples) (Matt 22:34-40; 28:18-20).

- Gives us potential <u>power</u> from Him and also from the Holy Spirit! (Phil 4:13; Eph 3:20-21; Mark 10:27; Luke 1:26-37; Acts 1:8). We also have the power of prayer! (Eph 3:20-21; Matt 7:7-11; Luke 11:9-12).
- 3) Can give us <u>rest</u> when we are weary and burdened (Matt 11:28-30).
- 4) Provides us <u>truth</u>, which can set is free from addiction to sin and faulty thinking (John 8:31-32, 14:6).
- 5) Provides the means to real <u>success</u> as we learn and apply His word (Luke 6:46-49; 8:4-15, 19-21).
- 6) Gives us hope, even in the face of death (I Cor 15; John 11:25-26).
- 7) Provides us the perfect role model on how to live our lives (John 13:15; I Peter 2:21; I John 2:6).
- 8) Other?