

# Christ: Through the Incarnation

## Why Did God Become A Man: Part One



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Over the past several weeks we have explored Christ in the Old Testament. We've learned of his pre-incarnation appearances. We've seen how he was predicted by the Psalmists and the Prophets. We also saw how he was nearly shouted through several proclamations. Along the way, on a few occasions, we talked about why he would come and why he did come. However, that wasn't our main objective. So, let's tend to it. Let's ask the why question...after all, the "Why Question" is the most important question, right? Without it we'd miss out on a lot of great information. The "why" question cuts to the core. It gets to the heart of a matter. It reveals motivation and intention. It often uncovers the cause...or even the hope.

So, why did God become a man? Let's consider five reasons...

**Big Idea: Through the Incarnation, God himself (the second member of the Trinity) became a man.**

1. He became a man to uphold the character of God. Romans 3:21-26

*"But now **the righteousness of God has been manifested** apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. **This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**"*

2. He became a man to pay for our sins. Romans 6:23

*"For **the wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*



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3. He became a man to manifest the eternal Creator. John 1:1-5, 14

***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”***

***“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”***

4. He became a man to demonstrate the Father’s love for us. Romans 5:1-8

***“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”***

5. He became a man to demonstrate his love for the Father. John 14:27-31

***“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”***

