

WHEN GOD BECAME A MAN

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, the prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6.

Isaiah uttered these wonderful words 700 years before this prophecy took place, and cried the greatest news ever given to this world of ours. The great Creator would take on the form of flesh through His Son, born to a virgin, redeem us through the death of His Son on the cross, and continue ruling His world forever. Jesus, with all of His Father's attributes, made the only way for man to gain an eternal home in Heaven. He fulfilled all prophecy, accomplished His Father's will, and returned back to Heaven. Think of the wonderful truths that surrounded His ministry in the redemptive plan of God. **(1) He Was Conceived By A Virgin:** *"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end."* Luke 1:31-33. Mary questioned that she knew not a man, how could this be? She was told the Holy Ghost shall come upon you, the power of the Highest overshadow thee, and her baby would be called the Son of God. Only God Himself could provide such a birth. **(2) Old Time Prophets Had Predicted This Event 700 years before:** *"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."* Isa. 7:14 The word Immanuel means, "God with us." and all the scriptures refer to the great

truth for all who would believe. Bible prophecy never fails and so further revelation pictures **(3) Angels Announced His Birth:** *"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:9-11. The terrified shepherds went to Bethlehem, and found all of the prophesy fulfilled with the babe in the manger. Every detail was meant to fulfill the prophecy, and establish before men the Sonship of Jesus Christ. The star in the sky brought the wise men, who further authenticated the birth of the Son of God for everyone who will believe. All the events fitted together and brought to pass only as God could do. **(4) Jesus Claimed To Be Equal With God:** *"Jesus said unto them, Before Abraham was, I AM."* John 8:58b. *"I and my Father are one."* John 10:30. *"If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also."* John 14:7a Your attitude toward Jesus, be it love or scorn, is your attitude toward God. Over and over scripture pictures Him equal with God. In fact He is God. **(5) He Said He Was Equal With God:** *"Before Abraham was I Am."* John 8:58 *"I and my Father are one."* John 10:30 *"If you had known Me, ye would have known my Father also."* John 14:7a. Jesus said however you are treating me, you are treating my Father in Heaven. Jesus was existing long before Abraham, and He clearly said so in John 8:58. This is why we believers call Him Lord and Master and even God. The Creator made all this possible and now to those who receive Him He is Lord and our Redeemer. **(6) Many Around Him Worshiped Him:** *"My Lord and my God."* John 20:28b. These were the words of Thomas, who knew it all to be true and worshiped Jesus. He made this statement after he had seen the resurrected Christ. John wrote

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God..... And the Word was made 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." John 1: 1-3 & 14. All His followers but Judas knew who He was, and throngs surrounded Him to see the miracles the Son of God did. **(7). From The Beginning Some Accused Him Of Blasphemy.** He had called the religious leaders blind and hypocritical, and leaders of the blind. They refused His claim to be able to forgive sin, and were angry He had opposed them. They took up stones to cast at Him saying " *For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou being a Man, makest thyself God.* John 10:33. This sin caused rebellion that followed Jesus all through His earthly ministry, and moved Him ever closer to the cross. Blasphemers are very present today rejecting the proven history of the Bible, and the great claims of the Son of God. Even today our government is turning against true believers who obey the Bible, love the Lord, and seek to please God in all they do. The curse of sin continues to this day fanning the fires of unbelief on every side, as millions reject the very truths I have presented here from the Word of God. It would be a great horrible choice for you to stay with the unbelieving world, when the Bible pictured every move of God's plan to redeem man. Why not change crowds, and join us who know personally that Jesus is God? You will never regret it, never. **(8). His Miracles Backed Up His Claims.** *"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through His name."* John 20: 30-31. Thousands saw the many miracles that Jesus did, and believed. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, strength to the lame, food to the hungry, and life to many of the

dead. As God, He was truly able to do many miracles to cement His claims into the daily lives of the people of His days. They knew who He was, and wise people rejoiced at His presence and miracles of love. **(9). He Took The Penalty For All Man's Sins:** *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."* II Cor. 5:21. We all inherited the sinful nature, which He paid for in full on the cross, when He died in our place. Remember *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16. His triumphant cry in John 19:30. *"It is finished"* brought to an end all requirements His Father demanded for all sinners who would believe. That includes you my friend, if you have repented of your sin, and accepted His gift of eternal life. The price for your redemption was paid by God Himself as Jesus died on the cross. **(10). His Departure Was Amazing And Authenticated By Hundreds:** *"And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."* I Cor. 15:4. Many people have claimed to be gods, but He was the only one to die, and then rise again exactly as predicted throughout religious history. Only one has ever done this, Jesus the Son of God. He was seen by multitudes in the following days, even 500 at the same time. His disciples sat and ate with Him, and touched Him to prove His actual resurrection was true. Those who saw Him were so convinced they were willing to suffer, and die, for Him. When His work was finished He moved to the Mount of Olives. In the year 1979 I stood at the tomb, and later at the spot on the mountain. My heart was thrilled as I looked above the clouds where I know He was looking down on me. I will never forget the day I stood on that holy spot. I hope these truths given will help you understand How Our God Became A Man. Nothing is too hard for Him!