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### **The Messiah: In The Flesh**

**Isaiah 7:14** - *All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').*

**Philippians 2:6-8** - *Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

**1 Timothy 3:16** - *Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit...*

**Matthew 1:23** - *"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

#### **The Christmas Story Is About God With Us**

- 1) He Revealed God's Will For All Of Humanity.**
- 2) Reconciliation To Sinful Humanity.**

**Romans 8:3** - *The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.*

**Galatians 4:4-5** - *But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. <sup>5</sup> God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.*

#### **The Exalted Christ Offers Newness Of Life**

**John 1:1, 9, 14, 16-18** - *In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God...<sup>9</sup> The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world...<sup>14</sup> So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son...<sup>16</sup> From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.*

**Hebrews 1:3** - *The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.*

**Hebrews 2:9** - *What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position "a little lower than the angels"; and because he suffered death for us, he is now "crowned with glory and honor." Yes, by God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.*

### **The Baby In The Manger Speaks To Humankind's Need For A Savior**

**Colossians 2:9** - *For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.*

**Psalms 139:7-10** - *I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! <sup>8</sup> If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.*

### **Because Of Jesus, Emmanuel, We Never Have To Be Alone**