

# The God-Man (The Person of the Lord Jesus Christ)

**1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: GOD WAS MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH ...**

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## Parts 1 & 2

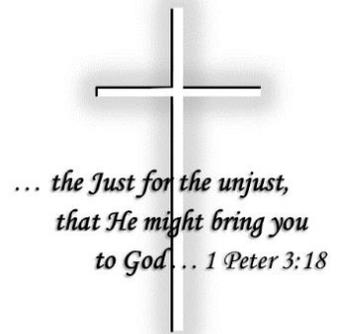
**And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory. 1 Timothy 3:16**

Introductory Notes, the Mystery of the Incarnation: \_\_\_\_\_

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... the WORD was with GOD, and the WORD was GOD ...

There is nothing more glorious or more mysterious than the mystery and the wonder of *God becoming flesh!* The Incarnation is not fiction, and it is not mere illusion as if God put on some kind of a “man-suit.” The Incarnation is attested to in Scripture, and is to be received as a matter of faith. The Incarnation is a truth upon which our whole salvation hangs. God has in truth become a Man! The Lord Jesus is truly God and truly Man!



### 1.) The Theanthropic Christ: (Pertaining to Both God and Man)

Our whole salvation hangs upon the uniqueness of the Lord Jesus being fully God and fully Man in order to make atonement and bridge the gap between the two.<sup>1</sup>

The Incarnation did not result in Jesus becoming a Person who is a blend somewhere between God and Man. He remained fully God, and through the Incarnation gained what He never had before – a human nature. Therefore, being fully God and fully Man in One Person, the Man Christ Jesus is able to be the Mediator between God and man! Thus, all of mankind’s hope of salvation is inseparably linked to the great and mysterious Incarnation of Jesus, the God-Man, in which neither the Divine Nature nor the Human Nature has been compromised at all in Him. **Worship Him!**

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<sup>1</sup> In Psalm 49, we are told that there is *no payment for the ransom of a soul that a mere man could give to redeem his brother*, and that no payment would ever be enough. It would fall short, “cease forever” to redeem from either the pit of the grave or from the ultimate Pit of Hell, *both from which Jesus (the God-Man) is able to redeem and rescue us*. Thus, the ransom that we need for our redemption could never be within the realm of a mere man with a fallen nature from Adam to give—as we read: **None of them can by any means redeem his brother, Nor give to God a ransom for him For the redemption of their souls is costly, And it shall cease forever— That he should continue to live eternally, and not see the Pit (Ps 49:7-9).** But Jesus, being both Fully God and Fully Man in One Person is able to offer an Infinite Sacrifice (being Fully God) and stand in our place as our True Substitute (being Fully Man), able to offer **the Blood of God** (Acts 20:28) which is able to save our souls from both the ultimate Pit of Hell as well as our bodies from the grave. In Psalm 49 the psalmist spoke about a “dark saying [riddle/mystery].” However, there is no greater mystery than this, ***God manifested in the flesh***, truly God and truly Man in One Person, who is able to and has given ***“Himself a ransom for all”*** (1 Tim. 2:6)—worship Him!

**FROM THE COUNCIL OF CHALCEDON, AN ANCIENT CREED:**

*...our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in Manhood; truly God and truly Man... consubstantial (coessential) with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin...according to the Manhood; One and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only Begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeable, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in One Person and One Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but One and the same Son and only Begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ...*

**2.) For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily —**

GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS,

*God manifest in the flesh – so that in the period of His humiliation, Jesus walked on earth by faith as we must – and overcame the devil and the world so as to win the victory for Himself and us —  
COMPLETELY AS A MAN!*

*Think of it – He who is Intrinsically the Possessor of the Divine Nature, the same as the Father and the Holy Spirit, as Man becomes for our sakes a partaker of the Divine Nature as we must!*

*– He who is the I AM, YHWH, God Almighty — shares in our humanity completely!  
— in order to redeem us!*

**Though fully God, as a godly man Who trusts in God and ministers through the Holy Spirit, we read that Jesus:**

- **was filled by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1)**
- **cast out demons by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:28)**
- **was anointed by the Holy Spirit to preach, sent to heal (Luke 4:18)**
- **offered Himself to God through the Holy Spirit (Heb. 9:14)**
- **came in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14)**
- **had the Spirit of the Lord rest on Him “The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord” (Isa. 11:2)**
- **through the Holy Spirit gave commandments to the apostles! (Acts 1:2)**
- **was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and with power. (Acts 10:38)**
- **was led of the Spirit (Matt. 4:1/Luke 4:1)**

***Worship Him!***

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**CHRIST JESUS DECLARED TO BE FULLY GOD:**

John 1:1-3 & 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 nothing was made that was made. ... 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.**

John 20:28

**And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"**

1 Tim. 3:16(a)

**And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh...**

Rom. 9:5

**"...of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen."**

Isa. 9:6

**For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Titus 2:13

**looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,**

2 Pet. 1:1

**Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:**

Heb. 1:8-10

**<sup>8</sup>But to the Son *He says:***

***"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.***

***<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;***

***Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You***

***With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."***

**<sup>10</sup>And:**

***"You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,***

***And the heavens are the work of Your hands."***

Col. 2:9

**For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;**

Matt. 1:23

***"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,"*** which is translated, "God with us."

Rev. 1:8

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, " who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (NASV)**

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- See the lesson notes for DC301, "The Holy Trinity" for more Scriptural evidence that Jesus is fully God.

### 3.) Jesus, Fully Human:

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Gen. 3:15

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Gal. 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born [or made] of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Ps. 132:11

The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body."

Rom. 1:3

"...who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh..."

Acts 13:23

From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior — Jesus —

Acts 2:30

Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne...

Acts 17:26

And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings...

**Our Kinsman Redeemer!**  
*The Seed of Abraham!  
The Fruit of David's Body!  
Having a Genealogy That Can Be  
Traced Back to Adam!*

Rom. 5:12

"...through one man sin entered the world..."

Rom. 5:14

"...the transgression of Adam..."

Rom. 5:15

"...by the one man's offense many died..."

Rom. 5:16

"...through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation..."

Rom. 5:17

"...by the one man's offense death reigned through the one..."

Rom. 5:18

"...as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation..."

Rom. 5:19

"...by one man's disobedience many were made sinners..."

1 Cor. 15:22

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

*For in Him dwells  
all the fullness of the  
Godhead bodily...  
Colossians 2:9*

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### There is but One Human Race, Jesus Fully Shares in it as Man:

*"Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God."*

1 Corinthians 11:11-12

#### 4.) Jesus, Enabled to Become Mankind's Redeemer:

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*That God was manifested in the flesh and became one of us does not mean that He became sinful. Flesh and blood itself is not sinful. To teach a heresy that equates flesh and blood to sin, would lead to the ridiculous conclusion that a man with one hand would be less sinful than a man with two hands, and a man with no arms would be less sinful still! Jesus became fully one of us, yet without sin. Likewise, our first parents (Adam and Eve) were fully human (truly one of us), yet with no fallen nature when they were created.*

Heb. 2:17  
**Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

Heb. 2:11  
**For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren...**

Heb. 2:14-15  
**Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

#### 5.) Jesus, Having a True Human Nature:

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He was Tempted.....	Heb. 4:15 & Jas. 1:13
Natural Growth.....	Luke 2:40
Mary His Mother.....	Gal.4:4 & Luke 1:35 & 43
Slept.....	Luke 8:23
Hungered.....	Matt. 4:2
Wearied.....	John 4:6
Flesh and Bones.....	Luke 24:39
Wept.....	John 11:35
Experienced Being Sorrowful, Loneliness.....	Matt. 26:38
Bled, Died.....	Matt. 26-27
Rejoiced in the Spirit.....	Luke 10:21
A Human Soul.....	Isa. 53:10 & Matt. 26:38

**These things reveal clearly that God in Christ possessed a human nature like ours — worship!**

Matt. 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Rom. 1:3-4 ...concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

**Thus, Fully Human / Fully God:**

*“...of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.”* Romans 9:5

## 6.) The Person of Jesus Christ:

Though possessing two natures, Jesus is truly but One Person. So wonderful is the Incarnation (God becoming flesh) that the attributes (powers and abilities) belonging to the Divine Nature are applied to the Man, even as what belongs to the human nature is applied to God.

Matt. 9:6

**But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."**

Acts 20:28

**Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

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## 7.) God Attributed and Man Attributed Declarations Met In One Person In Jesus:

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| Matt. 9:6  | <b>"...the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins..."</b>   |
| Acts 20:8  | <b>"the church of God which He purchased with His own blood"</b>   |
| John 8:53  | <b>"Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."</b>   |
| John 3:13  | <b>"No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven."</b> |
| Col. 2:9   | <b>"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily..."</b>   |
| 1 Cor. 2:8 | <b>"...crucified the Lord of glory."</b>   |
| Luke 1:35  | <b>"...that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."</b>   |
| Luke 1:43  | <b>"...the mother of my Lord..."</b>   |
| Heb. 4:15  | <b>"...was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."</b>  |

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"This union of the divine and human natures in one person in Christ was necessary to the atonement. Without it His suffering and death must have been that of a mere man. But with a Theanthropic [of or pertaining to both God and man; both divine and human] personality suffering for man's sin, a dignity is given to the offering for sin that is equal to every demand." Russell R. Byrum, Christian Theology, third ed. (Anderson, IN: Gospel Trumpet Company, 1950), 659.

## 8.) The Time of Jesus' Humiliation, Even Though Lord of All:

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**But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. Hebrews 2:9**

*"In His humiliation, the Son of God laid aside the independent exercise of His Omniscience, as well as the other attributes of deity, making use of His infinite intelligence only under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. . . . Jesus Christ exchanged His independent life for the dependent life; His sovereignty for subordination; living His life as a man. He limited Himself to the means and methods by which divine power is obtained and exercised by man. . . . Christ was dependent for power upon the anointing Spirit: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him" (Acts 10:38). The period of Christ's dependency was the period of His humiliation."* Emery H. Bancroft, *Elemental Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1977), 135-136.

## 9.) The 40 Days of Christ's Temptation<sup>1</sup>: **Matthew 4:1-11**

**<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. <sup>3</sup> Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' " <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:**

**'He shall give His angels charge over you,'  
and,  
'In their hands they shall bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'** "

**<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' " <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' " <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.**

Notes: Jesus the Man Facing Temptation:

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<sup>1</sup>As a general note from his introduction to the Book of Luke, Adam Clarke comments: **"Matthew therefore, is to be consulted for the correct arrangement of facts in chronological order: Luke, for a classification of facts and events, without any attention to the order of time in which they occurred. Many eminent historians have conducted their narratives in the same way. See Rosenmuller. It must not, however, be forgotten, that this evangelist gives us some very valuable chronological data in several parts of the three first chapters. These shall be noticed in their proper places."** — Adam Clarke's Commentary, Intro to Luke's Gospel, public domain.

In a more specific way, Clarke comments on the reasonable order of Matthew's account of the temptations, a point brought out by a multitude of commentators, that the last one in which Satan has "no holds barred" so to speak in offering all to Christ and plainly revealing that the temptation had come from none other than Satan himself, saying: **"If thou—wilt worship me—This temptation is the last in order, as related by Matthew; and it is not reasonable to suppose that any other succeeded to it. Luke has here told the particulars, but not in the order in which they took place."** Adam Clarke's Commentary, Luke 4:7, public domain.

