

“We’re put on this planet for a few years, just us and our shadows, Detective Reed. Maybe there’s someone up there, pulling the strings, I don’t know. Anyone who tells you he does know wants your money or is trying to get elected to something.” (Jonathan Kellerman)

Pleased as
MAN with
MEN to
dwell ...



Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate deity

– *Charles Wesley*

The INCARNATION is in itself an unfathomable mystery, but it makes sense of everything else in the Bible.

– *J. I. Packer*

Why did God create a “people”?

He planned to send a “person”!

The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your SEED I will give this land”. *Genesis 12:7*

The promises were spoken to Abraham and his seed. The Scripture does not say “seeds” meaning many people but “to your seed” meaning one person who is Christ ... The inheritance does not depend upon law (Moses) but upon promise (Christ). *Galatians 3:16-18*

Why did God initiate “sacrifices”?

He planned to **forgive** human **sin**!

It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore Christ ... sacrifices you did not desire but a body prepared for me ... You were not pleased with them although the law required them ... Here I am ... he sets the first aside to establish the second
(Hebrews 10:3-9)

Then he adds, “their sins and lawlessness I will remember no more”. And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

(Hebrews 10:17-18)

Why did God prepare a “virgin”?

He needed someone **fully human**
and **fully divine**.

When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman [not a man], born under law [human], to redeem those under the law [not a human], that we might receive the full rights of "sons". (*Galatians 4:4-5*)

It is inconceivable that anyone born into the human race by natural means could escape the human condition.

I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring [seed] and her offspring [seed]. He [personal pronoun, third person, masculine, singular] will crush your head ... (*Genesis 3:15*)

Christ took human nature upon himself in such a way (*“veiled in flesh”*) that his nature (without sin) bore the consequences of sin.

II Corinthians 5:21 - No sin so that his death could be credited as paying for all sin

Hebrews 5:8-9 – Human so that he could actually substitute for humans

Why did God demand the “cross” and the “grave”?

He wished to blast a breach in sin’s **stronghold** (opening an exit for everyone)

... That Christ died for our sins
(according to the Scriptures), that he
was buried, that he was raised on
the third day ... (*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*)

For Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came THROUGH A MAN, the resurrection of the dead comes also THROUGH A MAN.

(1 Corinthians 15:20)

There could be no proof that a human person can escape death UNTIL a human person did escape death!

Why did God inspire the writing of the “Bible”?

The INCARNATION OF GOD needed to be **proclaimed** and **explained**.

How can they call on the one they have not believed in? How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? How can they hear without someone preaching to them? How can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who BRING GOOD NEWS.”

(Romans 10:14-15)