

## Hebrews 10:4-13

### What is the Incarnation?

- In flesh: with a physical body
- With a human spirit
- Experiencing the full range of human emotions
- A real body which could feel pain, get tired, get sleepy, etc.
  - At 9 weeks, He could squint, swallow & make a fist
  - At 11 weeks, He had fingernails
  - At 12 weeks after conception, the infinite God of the universe would have weighed about one ounce.

For Redemption, a Redeemer would be required.

- Anselm: “No one but one who is God-man can make the satisfaction by which man is saved.”
- Boice: “Man is the one who wronged God and must therefore make the wrong right”
- A man got us into this mess; a man would have to get us out.      So...

*The incarnation provides for us a...*

### 1. Man on a Mission

Hebrews 10:7 “Then I said, ‘Behold, *I have come to do your will*, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

That is why the Christmas story says...

Luke 2:11 “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a *Savior*, who is Christ the Lord.”

“If God had perceived that our greatest need was economic, he would have sent an economist. If he had perceived that our greatest need was entertainment, he would have sent us a comedian or an artist. If God had perceived that our greatest need was political stability, he would have sent us a politician. If he had perceived that our greatest need was health, he would have sent us a doctor. But he perceived that our greatest need involved our sin, our alienation from him, our profound rebellion, our death; and he sent us a Savior.”      [see this credited to multiple sources]

*It takes a Savior to save 'ya*

## 2. To Reveal God

1.1-3 “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son... 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature...”

James Hewitt: There is a small voice from the bedroom across the hall.

"Daddy, I'm scared!"

"Honey, don't be afraid, Daddy's right across the hall." After a very brief pause the little voice is heard again, "I'm still scared."

"You don't need to be afraid. God is with you."

This time the pause is longer. Daddy; I want someone with skin on!"

John 1:18 “No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.”

## 3. To Be a Sacrifice for Sin

Problems:

- He will have to be tempted and proven sinless
- By definition, a sacrifice dies

God Cannot Be Tempted

James 1:13 “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for *God cannot be tempted* with evil, and he himself tempts no one.”

Hebrews 4:15 “We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who *in every respect has been tempted as we are*, yet without sin.”

God is Immortal

1 Timothy 1:17 “To the King of the ages, *immortal*, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

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

10:4-5 “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, *but a body have you prepared for me*’”

#### **4. To Inherit David’s throne**

David wanted to build a Temple for the Lord

The Lord told him he could not build a house for the Lord, but that the Lord would build a house for him.

2 Samuel 7:12–13 “When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, *I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body*, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and *I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*”

The figure of speech changes from Christ’s priestly work to his reign as king:

10:12-13 “When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.”

Luke 1:31–33 “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

**[Reading]**

## ***Before Time Began***

We can only imagine – we have not been told the details, nor do we dare to speculate too much...

But before time began

Before there was any created being or thing

The Triune God took counsel together.

In the eternal communion, everything was already known

Man will be created

Man will be designed for fellowship with Us

But man will choose sin and fall

Man will have to be redeemed -- or perish forever

The Father said, "I will send"

The Son said, "I will Go"

The Spirit said, "I will be upon You"

The Father said, "You will be unrecognized"

The Spirit said, "I will reveal Your identity to only a few -- at first"

The Son said, "I will veil My glory"

The Spirit said, "I will place Your life in the womb of a young woman"

The Father said, "I will send angels to announce your arrival"

The Son said, "I will become one of them"

The Father said, "You may not use your divine powers, as God"

The Spirit said, "I will empower You"

The Father said, "You will live in constant communion with Me – the way they were supposed to"

The Spirit said, "You will rely on Me as I direct You – the way they were supposed to"

The Son said, "I will do only those things I hear from You"

The Father said, "You will be tempted"

The Spirit said, "You will feel the detestable presence of sin"

The Son said, "I must bear their sins to save them"

The Father said, "You must do so all alone and forsaken"  
The Spirit said, "You will suffer greatly"  
The Triune God said, "I will suffer greatly... for them"

Came then the fullness of time,  
Quickly moving from heaven to earth  
Quietly slipping into time and space  
The Son heard new sounds – but not of heaven's praises...  
He was now one of them... And silently on his path to his sufferings and  
His death  
...to fulfill the plan Triune God made in eternity past.

Sermon and reading both from [smalltownbaptist.net](http://smalltownbaptist.net)