

The Mystery of the Incarnation

Colossians 1:15-23, 2:9

(Teacher: Murray McLellan)

I. Seeing the Invisible God

II. The Supremacy of Jesus

III. The Sufficiency of Jesus

Quotes related to this message:

"Christmas is not simply about a birth but about a coming." ~ Tim Keller

"Yes, in our world too, a stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world." ~ Queen Lucy in the Last Battle, *Chronicles of Narnia*

When you say, 'Doctrine doesn't matter; what matters is that you live a good life,' that is a doctrine. It is called the doctrine of salvation by your works rather than by grace. It assumes that you are not so bad that you need a Savior, that you are not so weak that you can't pull yourself together and live as you should. You are actually espousing a whole set of doctrines about the nature of God, humanity, and sin. And the message of Christmas is that they are all wrong.
~ Tim Keller

The truth is, even if Christ were born in Bethlehem a thousand times but not within you, you would be eternally lost. The Christ who was born into the world must be born in your heart. Religious sentiment, even at Christmastime, without the living Christ is a yellow brick road to darkness. ~ Kent Hughes

Upcoming Events:

- **Hosting Gatherings:** Today: Erindale; Dec. 22nd 2-15; Dec. 29th West End; Jan. 5th Central/Evergreen; Jan. 12th Junction; Jan. 19th North/Gateway; Jan. 26th Erindale; Feb. 2nd 2:15
- **December 17th – Gospel Community Leaders’ Huddle** – 7-9 pm at the Upper Room
- **December 24th – Christmas Eve with the Chosen** – at the Upper Room: 7 pm to 8 pm
- **Bible Seminar** - 4 options: Jan. 4, 6, 14, 18 The New Creation: Our inheritance with Jesus. Register at gracesask.com

Church Bible Reading Plan for December: Daniel

Further Study

Recapturing our awe of the incarnation

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14 CSB)

The fact that Jesus, God the Son, would humbly delight to take upon human flesh is simply mind-boggling. For in Jesus’ humanity, we find:

- The omnipresent became present.
- The infinite would become finite.
- The invisible became visible.

And what’s more, he dwelt among us. Literally, Jesus “pitched his tent” among his people, calling us back to the days of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. There, in his tent, God dwelt among the people, though he could not be seen by them. But Jesus, the Word made flesh, could be seen and could be touched.

The only Son; unique and one-of-a-kind; exactly like the Father in all of his attributes. He became one of us. To live with us, and eventually, to die for us.

“What a wonder that two natures infinitely distant should be more intimately united than anything in the world [...] That the same person should have both a glory and a grief; an infinite joy in the Deity, and an inexpressible sorrow in the humanity; that a God upon a throne should be an infant in a cradle; the thundering Creator be a weeping babe and a suffering man; [the Incarnation astonishes] men upon earth, and angels in heaven.” ~ Stephen Charnock

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Next Sunday, December 22nd – The Humility of the Incarnation: Philippians 2:1-11 (Murray McLellan)
– Hosting: 2:15 Gospel Community

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