

Why did Jesus come as a baby?

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Call to Worship

Revelation 5

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, **Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.** And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

- This was the Greatness that Gabriel spoke of

Message

Last week...

- We looked at Gabriel coming to Mary – “He shall be GREAT”
- Nazareth – John 1:46 – “And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.”
- Christ died seemingly overcome by the Pharisees
 - “I thought this was going to work!” – Pharisees
- Christ crowned with glory by HIS FATHER in heaven & all the inhabitants of creation

And, behold, thou shalt **conceive** in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, **How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

His Name

- Zacharius → “God Remembers”
- John → “God is Gracious”
- The name JESUS is a combination of the words **Yahweh** (“God”) and **Saves**
- His name is/was as understandable as “Dances with Wolves”
- Matthew 1:21 – Joseph was told “she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS, for he shall save his people from their sins”

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a **name which is above every name**: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Jesus was in the form GOD, made himself of no reputation, took on him the form of a servant and was in the likeness of men – **WHY???**
- We read last week how that he was the one found worthy to open the book and to receive blessing and honor and glory (Rev 5)
- Seems strange that he came as he did:
 - Conceived of the woman
 - The Son of Man, the most powerful being to ever exist in the world, who saved us from our sins, once existed as a single cell, fragile and vulnerable in the womb of a woman
 - Luke 2: 40, 52 – “And the child **grew**, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. And Jesus increased **in wisdom** and stature, and in favour with God and man.”
 - Jesus grew in wisdom
 - Grew up... 1 yo, 2 yo, 3 yo, 13 yo, 16 yo, 20 yo, 25 yo, 30 yo
 - Power to distort physics

- Power to walk on water
 - Power over wind and waves
 - Power to create something from nothing
 - Power over sickness
 - Power to know the thoughts of men
 - Power over death
- He had been on Earth before:
 - Daniel 3:25 – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – “form of the fourth is like the Son of God”
(Power to protect)
 - I Cor 10 :4 – That rock was Christ
(Power to provide)
 - Gen 18 – Three visit Abraham, 2 go on to destroy Sodom
(Power to judge)
 - He could have just made another appearance to the world at large...

Leviticus 17: 11

For the life of the flesh is in the **blood**: and I have given it to you upon the altar **to make an atonement for your souls**: for it is the **blood** that **maketh an atonement for the soul**.

- **WHY DID HE NEED A PHYSICAL BODY OF FLESH?? IT WAS ABOUT THE BLOOD!!**
 - Needed BLOOD for atonement of sin
 - Lev 17: 10-11 – for it is the BLOOD that maketh atonement for your soul
 - Gen 3: 14-15 – the acknowledgement that the seed and the serpent would war
 - Needed BLOOD to sanctify the tabernacle as holy for the gathering of the new covenant faithful in Jesus, pitched by God
 - Needed BLOOD to establish the new covenant
 - Needed BLOOD to purge our sin as an offering to GOD
 - Needed to destroy the power that Satan had with the terror of inescapable death
 - Matt 5: 17-18 – needed to fulfill the law and the prophets
 - Matt 10: 34-39 – Set at odds the current world order
 - Luke 1:31 – “Thou shalt conceive in they womb,” a body for me...
 - He no longer needs blood to be sacrificed for sin, or a temple to be continually sanctified... His body

Hebrews 10: 1 – 14

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. **For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.** Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but **a body hast thou prepared me:** In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

- Luke 1:31 – Shalt conceive in thy womb
- A **BODY** hast thou prepared

Hebrews 2: 9 – 18

But we see Jesus, who was **made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death**, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

- vs 9 – made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death
- vs 14-15 – destroy him that had the power of death
- Satan held the power of death over all humanity until Christ
- Killing Jesus looked like a great victory for Satan, who held the power of death... not being able to keep him dead was the problem.
- **Couldn't have killed Him if He wasn't flesh**

John 10: 14 – 18

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

- I am the good shepherd
- I lay down my life
- Other sheep have I
- I have the power to lay it down and take it up again

Philippians 2: 1 – 11

If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 1: 1 – 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made 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.
