

# Why the Son Became One of Us

## The Costs & Benefits of the Incarnation



**1. Understand** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.17, 11, 14)

**2. Appreciate** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.10, 14, 17)

**3. Celebrate** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.10-18)

• Itemized...

- (v.10) →
- (v.11a) →
- (vv.11b-13) →
- (v.14) →
- (v.15) →
- (vv.16-17a) →
- (v.17b) →
- (v.18) →

• Summarized...



*Hebrews 2:10-18*

<sup>10</sup> In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

<sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. <sup>12</sup> He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." <sup>13</sup> And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." <sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

<sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

<sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (NIV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. Describe a situation when you were in trouble, danger or debt and someone stepped in to bale you out, defend you, or fight on your behalf.

The biggest problem with understanding, appreciating and celebrating the incarnation is the failure to recognize our need of it. How aware would you say you are of the present and future cost of sinning against a holy God? What can you do to be more cognizant of the danger of living and dying without Christ?

Read **1 John 2:1**. Christ is the ultimate mediator who has gone to extremes to protect you from the penalty of your sin. Ponder the depth of that concept and take a couple of minutes to write out a prayer of gratitude and thanksgiving that is specifically addressed to Jesus.

2. Read **Philippians 2:3-8** with a focus on the cost of the incarnation. What does this kind of sacrifice teach us about God?

What are some appropriate responses to that kind of sacrifice?

3. In the last section of the sermon Pastor Mike itemized eight benefits of the incarnation that are found in our passage (Heb.2:10-18). Which of these itemized benefits is the most impressive to you and why?

Which of the eight benefits is the most underappreciated and overlooked in your life? What can you do to celebrate and appropriate this neglected benefit?

*We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Jer. 3-4 & Gal. 5*

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Jer. 5-6 & Gal. 6*

**October 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 7-8 & Eph. 1*

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 9-10 & Eph. 2*

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 11-12 & Eph. 3*

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 13-14 & Eph. 4*

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 15-16 & Eph. 5*

**October 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 17-18 & Eph. 6*

*Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.*

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