

THE MESSIAH: ONE OF A KIND

WELCOME.

Ice Breaker Question: Describe the person on your left and right in one word.

WORSHIP.

Sing: KING OF KINGS

WORD.

Introduction: Last Sunday, Pastor Jon unpacked the teaching on the divine and human natures of Jesus. This is a mystery we will probably never fully understand until we get to heaven. Christ's two natures—his deity and humanity—referred to by theologians as the hypostatic union is understood to be the Messiah's undiminished deity and perfect humanity united forever in one person, making Jesus unique—one of a kind.

Scripture: John 1:14-18, Philippians 2:6-11, Colossians 1:15-19.

Sermon Discussion: Pastor Jon shared the following sermon points about the uniqueness of Jesus:

- 1. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE INCARNATION (John 1:14-18)
 - A. The incarnation of Jesus implies a single pre-existent form.
 - B. The incarnation of Jesus implies a special cosmic transition.
 - C. The incarnation of Jesus implies a spectacular demonstration of power.
- 2. THE <u>INDICATIONS</u> OF THE INCARNATION (Philippians 2:6-11):
 - A. The incarnation of Jesus indicates His sovereign will.
 - B. The incarnation of Jesus indicates His servant's heart.
 - C. The incarnation of Jesus indicates His sacrificial love.
 - D. The incarnation of Jesus indicates His special personality.
- 3. THE <u>IMPORTANCE</u> OF THE INCARNATION (Colossians 1:15-22)
 - A. The incarnation of Jesus reveals God's person (vv. 15-17)
 - B. The incarnation of Jesus reveals God's purpose (vv. 18-19)
 - C. The incarnation of Jesus reveals God's plan (vv. 20-22)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What stood out most in the sermon for you and why?
- 2. Why did Jesus choose to be born as a man?
- 3. In what ways did Christ "empty himself" in his incarnation?
- 4. Did Jesus lose any part of His deity when He incarnated?
- 5. What certain parts of divine knowledge did Jesus choose to give up? Support your answer with Scripture.
- 6. Why was it necessary for the Messiah to be fully God and fully human in His act of salvation?

7. Read. Hebrew 9:11-15.

Application Questions:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6-7. What do you think do the verses mean? What is our role in incarnating the Gospel? 2. What are some ways that the incarnation can be applied practically to our daily life?

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Praise and Pray:

1. What are some ways you can incarnate the Gospel this week?

2. Praise God for the Church that continues to incarnate the love of Jesus.

3. Pray for one person whom you want to invite to church on Easter Sunday (April 20) so they can hear the Good News.