

God's great love and salvation for us in the Incarnation
Why God become Man is worthy of awe and great celebration!
Hebrews 2

Warm Up: Read and consider Isaiah 9:1-7 (esp v3), Luke 2:8-14 (esp v10-11)

Incarnation: Jesus, the preexistent divine Logos and the second hypostasis of the Trinity, God the Son and Son of the Father, taking on a human body and human nature, "was made flesh" and conceived in the womb of Mary the *Theotokos*, "God-bearer". Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human, his two natures joined in hypostatic union.

Hebrews 2 – the exposition of some reasons for the incarnation

v1-4, The utter necessity of recognizing the significance of the Advent of the Son!

V5-8, The Son made man, lower than the angels for a time, that he might restore all things.

V9, The Son tastes death for all men.

V10, Our union as sons with the Son, unites us to Him what was made fully man in experience, including all suffering.

V11-13, The Son secures fellowship and family of one sonship of one Father.

V14-15, The death of the perfect God/Man legally unseated and judged the lord of Death, Satan.

Freed those captive to the fear and reality of death

v16-17, As our brother, the Son acts on our behalf before the Father, as a faithful priest.

V18, There is one, the God/Man, our brother, who has tasted temptation to the full, yet did not yield. He is able to help us, knowing the full measure of temptation himself.