

The Doctrine of Christ

Lesson 1

The Incarnation

In approaching an examination of the biblical teaching regarding Jesus Christ, it seems best, as the apostle John did in the prologue to his Gospel, first to draw attention to one of the most astounding assertions found in the Scriptures: that the Word, who “was with God” and “was God” (John 1:1), “became flesh” (verse 14). Not only did the Word become flesh, but He “dwelt among us” (verse 14). The term literally means “tabernacled among us” or “pitched his tent among us.” This powerful expression of the incarnation of the Word is also a clear intimation of His preexistence.

I. 1. What is your definition of the incarnation? _____

2. How is that different from reincarnation? _____

II. Christ's Preexistence

1. When we say that Christ preexisted before coming to earth what are the implications for the historical Jesus?

a. _____

b. _____

2. What is Christ's own testimony concerning His Preexistence?

Matthew 5:17 _____

Mark 1:38 _____

Luke 19:10 _____

John 5:23 _____

3. What do other Bible writers say concerning Jesus' preexistence?

Col 1:16, 17 _____

1 Timothy 3:16 _____

Galatians 4:4, 5 _____

4. What do Old Testament writers share in the preexistence idea?

Micah 5:2 _____

Isaiah 9:6 _____

III. The Virgin Birth

Luke 1:26 – 35 _____

Matthew 1:18 – 21 _____

What warning do I get if I don't believe in the virgin birth? 1John 4:2, _____

The words of John mean what? John 1:1, 2, 14 _____
