



Foretold



The Word Made Flesh

primo tempore adleviata est terra Zabulon et terra
Nephtalim et novissimo adgravata est via maris trans
Jordanem Galileae gentium
populus qui ambulabat in tenebris vidit lucem magnam
habitantibus in regione umbrae mortis lux orta est eis
multiplicasti gentem non magnificasti laetitiam
laetabuntur coram te sicut laetantur in messe sicut
exultant quando dividunt spolia
iugum oneris eius et virgam umeri eius et
sceptrum exactoris eius superasti sicut in die Madian
quia omnis violenta praedatio cum tumultu et
vestimentum mixtum sanguine erit in combustionem
et cibus ignis
parvulus enim natus est nobis filius datus est nobis et
factus est principatus super umerum eius et vocabitur
nomen eius Admirabilis consiliarius Deus fortis Pater
futuri saeculi Princeps pacis
multiplicabitur eius imperium et pacis non erit finis
super solium David et super regnum eius ut confirmet
illud et corroboret in iudicio et iustitia amodo et usque
in sempiternum zelus Domini exercituum faciet hoc

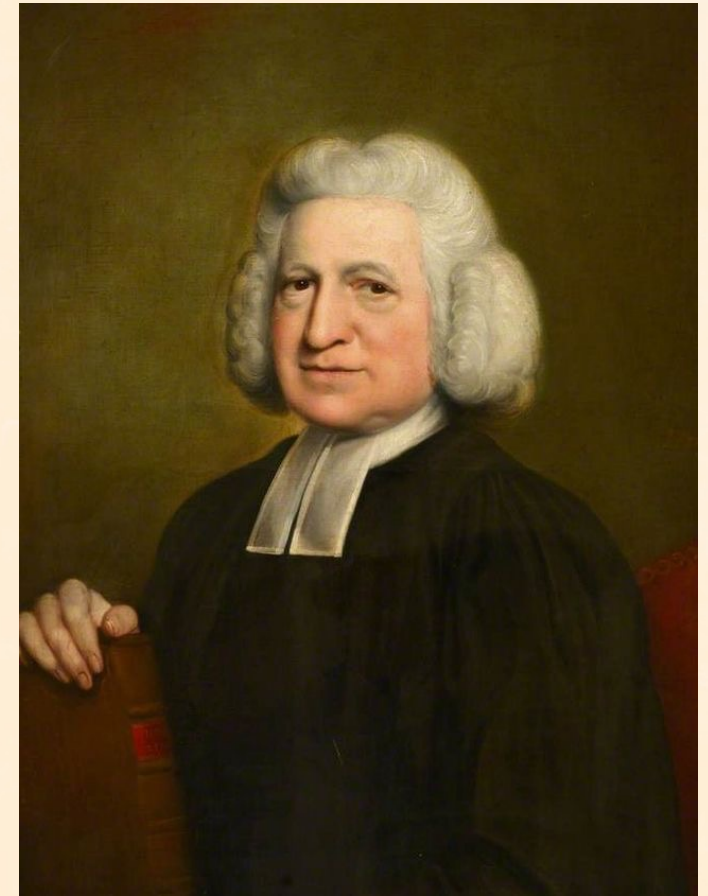
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**Let earth and heaven combine,
Angels and men agree,
To praise in songs divine
The incarnate Deity.**

**Our God contracted to a span,
Incomprehensibly made man!**



Charles Wesley





Jacob and Mollie Shipman



IMAGINE A PERFECT WORLD...
NO SORROW - NO DISEASE - NO BLOODSHED - NO DEATH





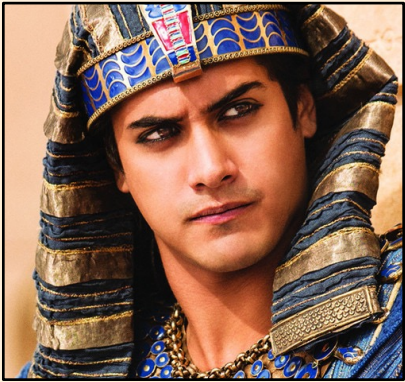
Psalm 22:6

But I am a worm, and not a man, a reproach of men, and despised by the people.



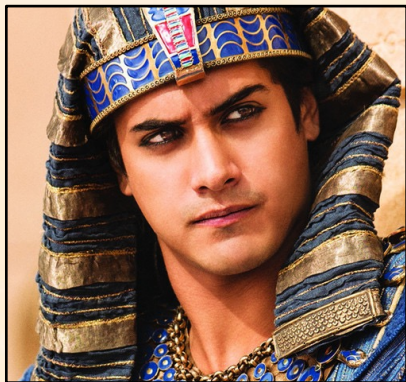


There are many men who would be God...





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...but only one God who would be man.





Isaiah 46:10

I am God, and there is none like me,
declaring the end from the beginning and
from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will
accomplish all my purpose,'





John 13:19

I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he.





- **274 AD:** the pagan Roman emperor Aurelian declared December 25th to be the birthday of the sun god Sol Invictus
- **350 AD:** Pope Julius I declared December 25 to be the official date of Christ's birth
- **529 AD:** Emperor Justinian declared Christmas to be a civic holiday.





7 Heresies Regarding Christ's Nature

1. Adoptionism (2nd Century)

This denied the pre-existence of Christ, and therefore denied his Deity. Jesus was adopted as God's son at his baptism, and then into the Godhead after his resurrection.





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2. Docetism (2nd Century)

This taught that Jesus only appeared to have a body, and was not truly incarnate, denying his human nature. By denying Jesus truly had a body, they also denied he suffered on the cross and rose from the dead.





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3. Apollinarianism (4th Century)

This lessened the human nature of Jesus because it taught that he did not have a human mind, but instead had a mind that was completely Divine.





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4. Arianism (4th Century)

This taught that Jesus was a “creature” who was “begotten” of the Father, thus denying his divine nature.





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5. Nestorianism (5th Century)

This taught that Jesus was really two separate persons, denying the union of his two natures. Jesus was not God incarnate in the womb, but only until *after* he was born.





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6. Eutychianism (5th Century)

This taught a third nature was possessed by Jesus; a blend or mixture of the human and the Divine, thus denying the distinction of his two natures.





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7. Monothelitism (7th Century)

This taught that Jesus had two natures but only one, merged, human/divine will, thus denying the distinction of his two cooperative wills.





“We Christians should know that if God is not in the scale to give it weight, we, on our side, sink to the ground.

I mean it this way: if it cannot be said that God died for us, but only a man, we are lost; but if God’s death and a dead God lie in the balance, his side goes down and ours goes up like a light and empty scale. Yet he can also readily go up again, or leap out of the scale!



Martin Luther





But He could not sit on the scale unless He became a man like us, so that it could be called God's dying, God's martyrdom, God's blood, and God's death.

For God in His own nature cannot die; but now that God and man are united in one person, it is called God's death when the man dies, who is one substance or one person with God."



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Hebrews 2:14, 17

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Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

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Luke 1:35

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.





Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.



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Two natures, inconfusedly,
unchangeably, indivisibly,
inseparably...
”

DEFINITION OF CHALCEDON (451 AD)



1 Timothy 2:5

There is one God, and there is one mediator
between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.





Genesis 3:8

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.





Exodus 33:22-23

“...and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”





Exodus 34:5

The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.





John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only
Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.





Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.





Matthew 2:6

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”





Isaiah 9:1-2

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.





Isaiah 11:1-2

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.





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“Funnel” of Messianic Prophecies

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- ✓ the family of David
- ✓ the line of Solomon





“Christ has put on our *feelings* along with our flesh.”



John Calvin







