#### **Message Notes**

The Savior reigns!

Introduction – Christmas at the Chmieleski's

Christmas Message Series: JOY to the WORLD

Last week: The Lord is come!

- 1. What is the Incarnation?
- 2. Why is it important?
- 3. Why is it important to us?

Today's Message: The Savior reigns!

The combination of Salvation and Kingship

Born a King

Matthew 2:2-12 Luke 1:26-33

Born to Save

Luke 2:8-11 Luke 2:25-35

Come, And Stand Amazed

The Incarnation and Atonement are inseparable

How can human beings be reconciled to God?

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

1 Peter 3:18

Application –

Will you let his death be life for you? Will you repeat the sounding joy?

#### **Scripture Passages**

(taken from the NIV or ESV)

Matthew 2:1-6

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Luke 1:30-33

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#### **John 1:14**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

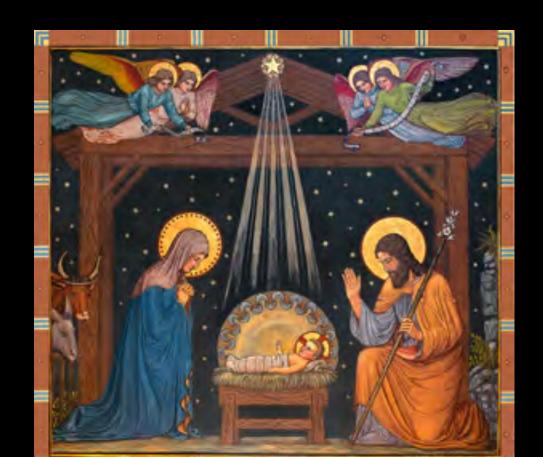
## What is the Incarnation?

"Jesus is true God; Jesus is true human; there is unity without fusion; there is distinction without separation. Thus Jesus is the God/Man and the relationship between the two natures is unity/distinction."

~Graeme Goldsworthy, Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics



# Why is the Incarnation important?



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- 1. It displays the glory of God
  - 2. It fulfills God's promises
  - 3. It sets up God's salvation
- 4. It qualifies Jesus as the only Mediator between God and people
- 5. It showcases God's power over sin and death

Why is the Incarnation important to us?



# Why is important to us?

- 1. God is WITH US!
  - 2. God is FOR US!
- 3. We have SEEN GOD.
- 4. We can RECEIVE GOD.

# Amidst the struggles, will you STOP and HEAR the music?



Today - The Lord is Come!

12/22/13 - The Savior reigns!

12/29/13 - No more let sins and sorrows grow

1/5/14 - He rules the world with truth and grace

1/12/14 - He makes the nations prove

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7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

#### **Matthew 2:1-12**

11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

#### Luke 1:26-33

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."



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#### Luke 2:25-35

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.



#### Luke 2:25-35

When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

#### Luke 2:25-35

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

# MV CHRISTMAS

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See the mighty, weak and tender See the Word, who now is mute

See the Sovereign without splendor See the fullness destitute

See how humankind received him; See him wrapped in swaddling bands,

Who as Lord of all creation Rules the wind by his commands

See him lying in a manger Without sign of reasoning

Word of God to flesh surrendered He is wisdom's crown, our king.

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O Emmanuel, my savior

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