**The First Baptist Church of Columbus**

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**T I T L E: The Significance of His Humanity**

**T E X T: John 1:1, 14**

“I hope to send each of you home today with a broader and better understanding of the incarnation of Christ.”

**I. THE WORD BECOMING FLESH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR CHRIST TO DIE PAYING THE PENALTY FOR OUR SINS AND BECOMING THE OBJECT OF GOD’S WRATH AND THEREBY SECURING THE REDEMPTION OF MAN FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE.**

A. It was an excruciating and humiliating death.

B. Unprecedented emotional turmoil...

“My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?” (Matt. 27:46)

C. Necessary according to the will of God

“Nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done.” (Luke 22:42)

Hebrews 10:4–7 - 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME; 6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE. 7 “THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.’”

D. Greatest act of love...

John 15:12–14 ---- 12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. 13 “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. 14 “You are My friends if you do what I command you.

**II. THE WORD BECOMING FLESH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE OUR SYMPATHETIC HIGH PRIEST.**

Hebrews 4:15–16 -15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

 It is this suffering that enables us to know that Jesus experienced all that we experience—the weariness, disappointments, misunderstandings, and the pain of this life—and so is able to understand and help all those who are his own and are so tempted. (COMMISERATE)

**III. THE WORD BECOMING FLESH PROVIDED FOR US THE PATTERN FOR LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.**

**IV. THE WORD BECOMING FLESH SANCTIFIED THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE.**

**V. THE WORD BECOMING FLESH MADE THE GLORY OF GOD VISIBLE. John 1:14**

**VI. THE WORD BECOMING FLESH REFLECTS THE HUMILITY OF GOD.**

Philippians 2:5–11 ---- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**VII. THE WORD BECOMING FLESH REFLECTS THE KNOWABILITY OF**

**GOD.**

John 14:7–11 ---- 7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” 8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.