

John 1:1-18

God comes as a baby, conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary, a virgin. The name God gives is Jesus- meaning "The Lord Saves." The baby grows into a man, and John the Baptist testifies at His baptism that Jesus is the Messiah, the awaited King, the Seed of Abraham, the Serpent Crusher. Jesus is affirmed and led by the Spirit into the desert, where He overcomes Satan's temptation to short-cut the cross and grab glory.



GOD: At Jesus' birth and baptism, God affirms that Jesus is His Son. The Son/Serpent Crusher is sent to humans in a miraculous way.

HUMANS: We see the contrast of how Adam (we) failed in temptation, but Jesus succeeds and does not sin.

Remember: Jesus = **THE LORD SAVES**

John 1:10-13 - "He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

The Promise Kept

*God said that the Serpent Crusher would come. Now we find out that the Serpent Crusher would actually **BE GOD**. (SURPRISE!)

*The rescue of humans from everything that would prevent a relationship with God requires **INCARNATION**.

*Incarnation (*NOT "RE-incarnation"*)= the act of **GRACE** whereby Christ (divinity) took on flesh (our human nature) and became human.

*God got to pick his **NAME**. Read Matthew 1:21 to find out what it would be and why He chose it. WRITE HIS NAME & WHAT IT MEANS HERE: _____

*Jesus is the **FOCUS** of the God-human encounter.

Jesus as FULLY GOD

*As the God-Man, Jesus **MEDIATES** God to humans. Colossians 1:19-20, John 12:44-45, John 14:6-9 (if you don't know what "mediates" means, look it up)

Jesus as FULLY MAN

*As the Man-God, Jesus **REPRESENTS** humans to God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 & Hebrews 4:15, John 8:28-30