

The Eternal One

*“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things were made;
without him nothing was made that has been made.”
John 1:1-3 (NIV)*

*“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will come forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His times of coming forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”
Micah 5:2 (NASB)*

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable
to empathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who has been tempted in every way,
just as we are – yet he did not sin.
Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”
Hebrews 4:15-16 (NIV)*

When we look at the Gospels Matthew, Luke and John, each begins their biography of our Lord at a different place in time. Matthew begins Jesus’ genealogy with Abraham. Luke starts his genealogy with Adam and John declares that the Saviour is an eternal Being.

So, from the commencement of the Gospels, the truth of the incarnation is affirmed. The coming One is both God and man. No one who encountered Jesus denied His humanity. However, many of the religious leaders in our Lord’s time among us demanded He die because He went around claiming to be God (c.f. John 5:18; 8:58).

The prophet Micah made the prophecy of the incarnation clear when he said the future ruler who would arise from Bethlehem would also be an eternal Being. Often in these devotionals the incarnation has been taught. Many Christmas carols we sing embody

this truth. The theme of Jesus’ deity is enshrined in Scripture, in Christian writings and in the hymns and carols of the Lord’s people.

When we think of our Saviour being both God and man, comforting thoughts come to mind. First, we consider our Good Shepherd as a man because He came into His own creation the same way we all do through being born of a woman. He was able to experience all the temptations common to humanity. This means He can be sympathetic to our suffering and temptations of this life. Consider Hebrews 4:15-16 once more and see how compassionate our High Priest is because He has experienced great suffering when He walked among us.

Then, as the Eternal One, He controls the universe He created from calming the angry sea, to creating a meal for thousands from a poor boy’s bag lunch, to raising

the dead. So then, your struggle is not beyond His ability to intervene with sovereign power supplying overcoming grace.

Come confidently today and receive the assistance that is more than adequate whatever your issue happens to be. You are His beloved child for whom He died and rose again. Hear Paul’s argument from the greater to the less when he wrote in Romans 8:32 (NASB)

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”

Come to the Eternal One and come today.

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