

INCARNATION SERIES

2018

John 1:1-18

God Incarnate

4. Jesus - His incarnation Opposed Yet Triumphant. Jn 1:10-13

a. He was in the world He had made. Think about this - the God who made the universe came here and joined us. As one of us. (Jn 1:5, 9)

- Think of the wonder that Elizabeth, Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, Simeon, Anna and the shepherds must have felt. "He" is among us. (Lk 2:22-40).

- The world did not recognize Him. He wasn't what they expected or seemed to want (Ps 22:6-7). Even His followers had a tough time recognizing who He was (Mt 8:27, Mk 6:52, Lk 5:8, Jn 1:46, 7:5).

b. He came to His own (*world, nation*), and His own did not receive Him.

- Think about this: He came to His world and His people, temple; the Levites He had ordained and called, the priesthood He had established. And they rejected Him (e.g. Is 52:13-15, 53:3 5:39, 7:48, 52).

- Even early, He knew His identity - (Lk 2:49)

- This world does not want to retain the knowledge of God - we want our own way (Is 53:6, Jn 3:19,

c. But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

- Children born not of natural descent, or of a human decision or a husband's will, (Jn 3:6)

- But born of God. (Jn 3:7 - "born from above"). Adopted! Rom 8:14-17.

* Human effort produces a human result - no one can earn or merit salvation (Ps 149:3, Is 64:6, Act 13:39, Rom 3:19-20, Gal 2:16).

* But God offers us what we can not acquire for ourselves - salvation (Eph 2:1-10, 2 Tim 1:9, Tit 3:3-5).

What's in a name? Jesus = "The Salvation of God" Christ= "Anointed One/Messiah As the Anointed Savior, Redeemer, Messiah He is the way, the only way to the Father (Jn 14:6). In Mtt 16 (vs 13-20) Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" That is the issue for all of us. Who is He? And will you trust Him as Savior and Lord?