

WHY DID GOD BECOME ONE OF US?

John 14:8-11 Hebrews 2:13-17 Romans 8:3

Introduction: God gave us the Bible which reveals a lot about how we are to see Him. We are to see God as our Heavenly Father, as the only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ and as the Holy Spirit. There is no way any human mind can comprehend, grasp or come close to understanding why God became one of us and was called Jesus. God came into our world as all of us did, through birth of a woman. He didn't just suddenly appear with trumpets and a big parade. Christmas is when and how we celebrate God's becoming one of us. For over 30 years God lived as all of us live, played as a child, worked as a young man and was called Jesus. Think about it! Why in the world would God want to become one of us when He is God?

I. GOD WANTED US TO KNOW HIM PERSONALLY

1. He came to answer questions people had about Him, who He was, what He was, where He was, How could He do what He did, etc.
2. Jesus showed people more than any of us can ever comprehend about God.
 - He showed us the wisdom of God in His teaching, answering questions, etc.
 - He displayed the power of God by the miracles He did.
 - He revealed the glory of God by His transfiguration.
 - He showed us the love of God by what He did for us on the Cross.

II. GOD WANTED TO SHOW US HOW HE WANTED US TO LIVE

1. Through Jesus' example, God showed everyone how they are to live before Him.
 - Jesus was always obedient to what God wanted.
 - Jesus loved everyone and taught to "turn the other cheek and go the second mile..."
2. Everything Jesus did was an example of how God wants all of us, His children to act and live.

III. GOD CAME IN ORDER TO BECOME OUR INTERCESSOR

1. Jesus came to be our representative to God and to become the sacrifice needed for our imperfect human race.
 - As Priest, Jesus offered Himself, without spot, to God as the sacrifice and then as the one offering the sacrifice, Priest.
2. What an impossible task of representing lost humanity before God and offering Himself as the only sacrifice acceptable for mankind's sins. Yet that's what He did, and successfully too.

IV. GOD CAME TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL, SATAN

1. Satan and God battled long before mankind was ever created and when man came Satan had opportunities to hurt God that he never had before.
2. God, now a human being called Jesus, confronted Satan and destroyed the works of Satan at the Cross and by the Resurrection.

V. GOD BECAME ONE OF US THAT HE MIGHT BECOME THE HEAD OF HIS NEW CREATION

1. Jesus, raised from the dead became the firstborn of a new creation made up of people believing in His resurrection and by God's grace to be conformed to the image and likeness of Jesus.

VI. GOD BECAME ONE OF US IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT SIT ON DAVID'S THRONE

1. *Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:30-33; 2 Samuel 7:16-29; Jeremiah 33:14-26*
2. God is fulfilling His promise to David that there would be an eternal King on his throne.
 - Jesus is that descendent of David who will sit on David's throne.

VII. GOD BECAME ONE OF US SO THAT HE MIGHT BE A KINSMAN REDEEMER

1. A redeemer must be a relative, a kinsman.
 - That redeemer must be able to pay the required price.
 - That redeemer must be willing to pay the required price.
2. Redemption was of people and property.

CONCLUSION:

1. God has given us a Book, the Bible, that is intended to bring us to Him.
2. God has required us to come to Him as a little child.
3. God has visited our earth in human form, called Jesus, to show us what He is like and how He expects us to live.
4. God wants everyone to spend eternity in the place He is preparing for those who follow His instructions by believing in Jesus.
5. Jesus, the Son of God, God in the flesh, is the ONLY way to the Father. There is no other way.
6. Now, do you belong to the Father? Have you done things His way? Have you believed in Jesus?