

Jesus, the Great I AM

(7) The real Christmas story

7 reasons 'the Word became flesh'...Heb.2

According to Heb.2:9-10, it was *fitting* for the Father to make Christ perfect by what means?

It was the Father's plan to use suffering, even death, to crown Christ with glory/honor.

What does it mean that it was *fitting*? 2:10 ICor.2:1-10; Heb.7:26; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9

It was consistent with God's character. His wisdom, holiness, power, love and grace.

But how could God, the Son, 'suffer' death? How is that possible? Rev.4:9-10

As God, death is not possible. God lives forever. He had to become a man in order to die.

How was this 'humanity' achieved? Jn.1:14 And again, the purpose? Heb.2:9

Jesus was made a little lower than the angels so that He might taste death...

What is one reason our Savior had to be 100% man? Heb.2:10

To bring believers to glory it was fitting that Christ be made perfect through suffering.

1. So from this truth, what is the first reason for Christ becoming a man? Heb.2:10

Expressly so that He might be able to die! He laid aside the 'eternal' attribute of deity.

2. What is the next reason for His becoming man? Heb.2:11-13

He is of the same family (as believers, made holy). He is not ashamed to call us brother(s)!

3. And what is the next reason? Heb.2:14

He shared our flesh/blood so that His death destroys Satan, who holds the power of death.

What are the two different words here, 'share...' and 'partook...'? 2:14

share=koinonia, fellowship, partnership. All humans share in the flesh/blood nature.

partook=metecho, taking hold of something not naturally one's own kind.

What is the fundamental point about Christ in these two words?

Christ's 'nature' is divine, God, but He partook, took hold of our nature. Became man.

4. And the next reason? Heb.2:15-16 Ps.55:1-4

His death frees believers who all their lives were held in slavery by fear of death...

5. And the next reason? Heb.2:17a

Made like us in every way so that He would be merciful/faithful High Priest.

6. And the next reason? Heb.2:17b

His humanity and death enabled Him to make atonement for our (believer's) sins.

7. And what is the final benefit listed here to believers from His humanity/death? Heb.2:18

Because He Himself suffered when tempted, He is able to help us when tempted. 4:15-16

What is your summary of the reasons for Jesus becoming a man?
