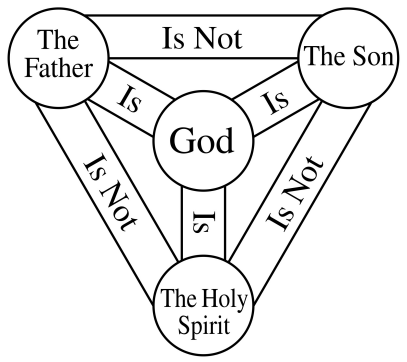
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LO: I can engage in the idea of Incarnation



What is incarnation?

What do you remember about the Holy Trinity?

John 1: 1 – 14

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. ·In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ·The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

·There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ·He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ·He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

·The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ·He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ·He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ·Yet 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, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

·The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Matthew 1

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about[d]: His mother
Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came
together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.
19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet[e] did
not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce
her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to
him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take
Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the
Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the
name Jesus,[f] because he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the
prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they
will call him Immanuel"[g] (which means "God with us").

Luke 1

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel
Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be
married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's
name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you
who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of
greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid,
Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give
birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will
be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the
throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's
descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Why Matthew and Luke seem to think Jesus' birth is the most important thing to start with?

Why do you think John does not mention this?

John does talk about Jesus' birth when the Word becomes flesh.

Key Phrases from John 1:

In the beginning was the Word
The light keeps shining in the dark
The true light was coming into the world
The Word became a human being and lived here with us
We saw his true glory.

Discuss these phrases

Can you make a Christmas card based on the key phrases from John 1?



