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WHAT IS INCARNATION?

WHY DO CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN THE INCARNATION OF JESUS?

RE:quest is full of amazing resources, all prepared to help you get a better understanding of Christianity. In this project we are going to find out what incarnation is. We'll also see if there is proof that Jesus was a real person, before reading some verses from the Bible to see why Christians believe that He was both human and God.

Use the PDF presentation to guide you through the task and this sheet to write your answers on.

STARTER: Being Human

What makes us human? Create a list in the box below:

The things that make us human are:

How do we know Jesus was a real man?

Explain what the Bible tells us about Jesus' life.

The Bible tells us that Jesus...

It also shows us that Jesus...

Do you think this evidence proves that Jesus was a real man? Why/why not?

Try to add an example from the sheet in your answer.

I think this evidence does/does not prove Jesus was a real man because...

I think this because...

Why do people think Jesus was human?

EVIDENCE THAT JESUS WAS HUMAN	
Bible Extract	Which human quality does this show?
'She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.' Luke 2:7	Jesus was born from a human mother.
'As they were sailing, Jesus fell asleep. Suddenly a strong wind blew down on the lake, and the boat began to fill with water, so that they were all in great danger.' Luke 8:23	
'After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry.' Matthew 4:2	
'An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. In great anguish he prayed even more fervently; his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.' Luke 22:43-44	
'One of the soldiers plunged his spear into Jesus' side, and at once blood and water poured out.' John 19:34	He bled when he was stabbed with the spear.
'I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.' John 15:11	
'Jesus was angry as he looked around at them, but at the same time he felt sorry for them, because they were so stubborn and wrong...' Mark 3:5	
'Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee. Grief and anguish came over him, 38 and he said to them, "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch with me.' Matthew 26:36-38	

Why do Christians think that Jesus was God?

EVIDENCE THAT JESUS WAS GOD	
Bible Extract	How does this show that Jesus was God?
'...therefore, the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.' Luke 1:35	An angel said that Jesus would be 'the Son of God.'
'Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased." Matthew 3:17	
'Again, the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Christ, the Son of God?' And Jesus said, 'I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.' Mark 14:61-62	
'Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. After spitting on the man's eyes, Jesus placed his hands on him and asked him, "Can you see anything?" The man looked up and said, "Yes, I can see people, but they look like trees walking around." Jesus again placed his hands on the man's eyes. This time the man looked intently, his eyesight returned, and he saw everything clearly.' Mark 8: 23-25	
'The angel spoke to the women. "You must not be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he was lying. Go quickly now, and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from death, and now he is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him!' Remember what I have told you." Matthew 28: 5-7	Another angel appeared. Plus, the angel said that, even though everyone had seen Jesus killed, He was alive. Only God would be able to rise from the dead.
'And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.' John 1:34	
'And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'" Matthew 14:33	
'He was declared to be the Son of God in power, according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.' Romans 1:4	

Fulfilment of Old Testament Prophecy: Go Compare...

Read the PDF sheet 'Matthew 27 vs Psalm 22'.

Compare the two texts. Highlight any sections which match.

Select and explain 2 more ways in which these texts match. Write your answer in the table below - one has been done for you:

Matthew 27	Psalm 22
Verse 46: Jesus said "My God, my God, why did you abandon me?"	Verse 1: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

Do you think the prophecies from Isaiah and Psalm 22 prove that Jesus was God? Why/why not?

Try to include a verse from Isaiah 53, Psalm 22 and Matthew 27 in your answer. Remember: PROPHECY means a message from God, sometimes a prediction of something that will happen.

I think these prophecies do/do not prove that Jesus was God...

I think this because...

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Why do Christians believe in the incarnation of Jesus? Was Jesus human or God? Or was He, as Christians believe, both?

Write up your report using the evidence from this project. You can use the report template on the next page to help you lay this out.

SUCCESS CRITERIA:

Paragraph 1: evidence for Jesus' being a real man - 1 example from the Bible and 1 from the historians

Paragraph 2: evidence from the Bible for Jesus being human - at least 2 examples

Paragraph 3: evidence from the Bible for Jesus being God - at least 2 examples

Paragraph 4: conclusion - Is there enough evidence that Jesus was both God and human? Explain your answer - why do you think this?

Use the keyword INCARNATION at least once

Remember: INCARNATION means Jesus was God in human form

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Topic: INCARNATION

Paragraph 1 - Jesus was a real man

Reasons many people believe that Jesus was a real man are...

Paragraph 2 - Jesus was human

One example of evidence from the Bible is...

Another example of evidence from the Bible is...

Paragraph 3 - Jesus was God

One example of evidence from the Bible is...

Another example of evidence from the Bible is...

Paragraph 4 - Conclusion

Is there enough evidence that Jesus was both God and human? Why do you think this?

My conclusion is...

PLENARY: Pyramid of Learning

Complete this task, showing what you have learned and what you'd still like to know.

