

# God Speaks Through the Incarnation

1. Jesus himself is the good news
2. Through Christ, we are included in the divine fellowship
3. Three syllables of Jesus
  - a. What he taught
  - b. What he did
  - c. Where he is
4. The incarnation focuses on what he is
5. A journey of descent: toward humility, not perfection
6. We are not meant to be like God; we are meant to be human like Christ

7. Eastern religions call for self-emptying resulting in annihilation; Christ calls for self-emptying resulting in incarnation

<b>Christianity</b>	<b>Western Materialism</b>	<b>Eastern Religions</b>
Honor God and man	Replace God with man	Deny man completely
Self-actualization	Self-seeking	Self-flight
Worshipping God	Denying God	Identifying with God
Become fully human	Less than human	More than human

8. The incarnation harmonizes the natural and spiritual arenas
9. The reason for creation lies in the great dance of life and love shared by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—they want to share their dance with others
10. The incarnation is God “earthing” his fellowship
11. The incarnation is a permanent reality