

The Meaning of the
Incarnation (verse 19).

Jesus Christ is "to be acknowledged in two natures [one divine, one human], without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ . . ."- The Council of Chalcedon, 451 A.D.

“Christ became what we are, that we might become what he is. This is ‘the marvelous exchange.’ He enters our life that we might enter his. Behold God the Son, who has become our Brother!”

- Athanasius

The Purpose of the
Incarnation (verse
20a).

“Christmas should be the time we point with eager entreaty: Look! God has shown up to put things right. In becoming man, the Lord of all has taken the wheel of this world, switched on the GPS, and pressed ‘Home’!”

- Glen Scrivener

What is the Bible more concerned about:
God coming down to earth, or people
going up to heaven?

“When we understand that the end of all things is the renewal of all things, then all things become important.”

- Ian Smith

The Goal of the Incarnation (verses 20b-23)

“There will be no part of God’s renewed universe that will be unaffected by the cross—no place where Calvary is irrelevant.”

- Peter Lewis

“How evil is sin that God must bleed to cure it.”

- Stephen Charnock

“We all walk around with his nails in our pockets.”

- Martin Luther

“But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him...”

Colossians 1:22b, CSB