The Incarnation Galatians 4:4 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2 The Word of God goes forth from the Father into that which the Holy Spirit prepares. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15 The Flood

God calls Abram Genesis 12:1 God makes promises to Abraham Genesis 12:2-4, 13:14-16, 15:4-6, 22:15-18; Galatians 3:7-9, 14, 16, 28-29 God prophecies to Abram Genesis 15:13-14 God cuts a Covenant with Abram Genesis 15:12-21 Israel

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, Galatians 4:4	
"The Fullness of Time," (God's Sovereignty) Galatians 4:4a	
Luke 2:1–7	
"God sent forth His Son," (The Deity of Christ) Galatians 4:4b	
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In verse 3 God "said," "Let there be light," and there was light.	
John 1:1-5	
Luke 1:26-35	
And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. Luke 1:35	
"Born of Woman," (The Humanity of Jesus) Galatians 4:4c	

"Born under the law," (The Legal Demands of the Law) Galatians 4:4d	
"To redeem those who were under the law," Galatians 4:5a	
"So that we might receive adoption as sons." Galatians 4:5b	

Sermon: The Incarnation

Text: Galatians 4:4

- 1. According to Philippians 2:6-8 Why did Jesus laid aside his heavenly glory to live among us?
- 2. Why is the humanity of Jesus important? How might you help someone who disagrees with this?
- 3. According to John 1:14, the Word/God became flesh and dwelt among us. How can Jesus be both God and man at the same time?
- 4. Does the Bible support the pre-existence of Jesus? (Hint see John 17:5, 3:13).
- 5. Read Romans 8:3. What does it mean that Jesus "came in the likeness of sinful flesh?"
- 6. Read Galatians 4:4 and Genesis 3:15. Why was it necessary for Christ to be born of a woman?
- 7. Why might the majority of the Jews not have recognized their Messiah?
- 8. Why was it necessary for the Messiah to be born a Jew?
- 9. Even though Christmas has become a secular holiday that is "celebrated" by both lovers of God and haters of God, how can you use this time to emphasize the doctrine of the incarnation of the Son of God?