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 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Incarnation – God comes

 Let's hear your story

1. How would you explain to a friend, family member or work colleague that the Son of God entered human history as the God-man Jesus Christ?
2. What does John 1:1 – 2; 14 tell us about Jesus Christ? (**The Word was with God from the beginning and that the Word become flesh.**)
3. How did people know God was coming? (**See Old Testament prophecies; Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:4; Micah 5:2; Malachi 3:1.**)
4. What was Jesus' favourite title to refer to Himself? (**The Son of man. See Daniel 7:13 – 14.**)

 Let's go deeper

5. What was Jesus' answer in Mark 14:61 – 64, when the high priest asked Him; are you the Christ, the son of the blessed one? (**Jesus said "I am".**)
6. What was the reason the Jews wanted to stone Jesus in John 8:58 – 59? (**Jesus said; "before Abraham was, I am". Jesus said I am Abraham's God.**)
7. What was the reason the Jews wanted to stone Jesus in John 10:33? (**For blasphemy, because you being a man, make yourself God.**)
8. Was Jesus fully man? (**Yes. Jesus had a human name; Jesus (Yahweh saves) Christ (anointed one). Jesus had a human family, mom, dad, brothers, sisters. Jesus matured and had human needs (sleep, food, water), He had emotions.**)

 Let's apply this

9. Why would God become a man:

Hebrews 2:17 – 18. "He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, **He is able to help** those who are being tempted.

- Jesus is merciful and faithful; He can identify with you.
- Talk to Jesus our High Priest this week and allow Him to minister, strengthen and empower you.

SUMMARY:

- **Incarnation: God comes**

It's about the entrance of Jesus into human history.
John 1:1 – 2; Jesus (the Word) is eternal and Creator God.
John 1:14; Jesus (the Word) became flesh.

What is the meaning of Incarnation?

Incarnation is from Latin meaning becoming flesh. Incarnation is the word theologians use to explain how the second member of the Trinity entered into human history in flesh as the God-man Jesus Christ.

How did people know God was coming?

Genesis 3:15 (4000 B.C); Jesus would be born of a woman without the help of man.
Isaiah 7:14; (700 B.C); The virgin will give birth to a Son, a male offspring and child.
Micah 5:2. (700 years B.C); Born in Bethlehem, He will come as a King and is eternal.
Malachi 3:1, (400 years B.C); All of the above prophecies will happen before A.D. 70.

Is Jesus fully God?

Daniel 7:13 – 14; Jesus' favourite title for Himself.
Mark 14:61 – 64; Jesus says "I am"; He is the God of Moses.
John 8:58 – 59; Jesus says "I am"; He is the God of Abraham.
John 10:30 – 33; Jesus says I am God and Jews wanted to stone Him for blasphemy.

Is Jesus fully human?

1 John 4:2 – 3; The Holy Spirit tells us that Jesus is God in a human body.
1 Timothy 2:5; The purpose of a mediator is to represent both sides equally and fairly to resolve and restore the relationship. Well, here's God, here's us. Who's going to restore the relationship? We're going to need somebody, who's fully God and fully man and has the ability to reconcile men and God. His name is Jesus.

Jesus had a human name, Jesus means Yahweh saves, Christ means the anointed One. Jesus had a mom and He came from a family. He had brothers and sisters, He had an adoptive dad. He had human needs, He got hungry, He got tired, He got thirsty. He experienced the fullness of humanity. He also had emotions; 60 times in the four gospels Jesus' emotions are mentioned. He had a full emotional life. The number one, emotional attribute of Jesus is compassion.

How could God become a human?

Matthew 1:22 – 23 and Isaiah 7:14 – born of a virgin.
Phil. 2:5 – 8; By entering into human history, He added to His divinity; humanity. Jesus kept all of His divine attributes, but He chose not to use them. Example, I can see, but if I close my eyes or blindfold my eyes; I have chosen not to use sight. So, if I want to find something, I need to use other senses. Jesus did access His Divine attributes to reveal Himself as God on two occasions; **Luke 8:22 – 25 & Mark 2:1–12**