THE QUESTION

What did the early Christians believe about the incarnation?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The early writers taught that the eternal Son, God the Word, truly became man, not just in appearance. They said He took real flesh from the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit, without a human father, and stayed fully God. He became what we are to heal, renew and save humanity.

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The Son truly became man, not in appearance

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Ignatius says only the Son became incarnate, and that it was real, not imagined. Hippolytus says the same: the Word did not just seem to be a man, and He did not turn into something else. He truly became man.

1

"There is only One who became incarnate, and it was not the Father or the Paraclete, but the Son alone, who became so not in appearance or imagination, but in reality."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 3, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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"For it was not in mere appearance or by conversion, but in truth, that He became man."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 32, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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He was truly born, ate, died and rose

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Ignatius lists the plain facts of Christ's human life to show His flesh was real. He was born, grew up, ate and drank, was crucified, died and rose again. To the church at Smyrna he stresses that each of these truly happened.

3

"He was truly born, truly grew up, truly ate and drank, was truly crucified, and died, and rose again."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 3, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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"that He was truly born of a virgin, was baptized by John, in order that all righteousness might be fulfilled by Him"

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 4, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Conceived by God's power, without a human father

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Justin explains Isaiah's prophecy to show that Mary conceived while still a virgin, by the power of God. Gregory Thaumaturgus condemns anyone who says Christ came from human seed like other men, rather than by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary.

5 “For if she had been with anyone, she would no longer be a virgin; but the power of God came upon the virgin, overshadowed her, and caused her to conceive while still a virgin.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *First Apology* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 9, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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6 “If anyone says that Christ was born from human seed by the Virgin in the same way that all men are born, and refuses to acknowledge that He was made flesh by the Holy Spirit and the holy Virgin Mary, and became man from the seed of David, just as it is written, let him be anathema.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *Twelve Topics on the Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 42, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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One Son, both God and man

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Gregory Thaumaturgus insists that the Word and the man Jesus are not two persons. The same Son existed before and was made one with flesh through Mary. Novatian likewise identifies the Word made flesh with Christ the Son of God.

7 “There is one Son, both before the incarnation and after the incarnation. The same Son is both man and God, both together as one.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 41, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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8 “Moreover, this Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, that is, Christ the Son of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Novatian,** *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 17 (c. 240–258 AD) **Source 46, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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His divinity did not change

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Gregory Thaumaturgus calls the incarnation the chief foundation of our salvation, and says the Word became man without any change in His divine nature. The Liturgy of St. James sings the same truth in worship.

9 “Moreover, the chief foundation of our salvation is the incarnation of the Word. Therefore, we believe that the incarnation of the Word took place without any change in His divinity, for the renewal of humanity.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Gregory Thaumaturgus,** *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 (c. 240–270 AD) **Source 40, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
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10 “Without change, You became man and were crucified, O Christ our God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 30, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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He took real flesh from Adam's race

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus argues that Christ's body was made of the same stuff as ours, or He could not save what was lost. Hippolytus adds that the Word took a rational soul too, becoming all that man is except sin.

11 “He Himself, therefore, had flesh and blood, summarizing in Himself not something else, but the original handiwork of the Father, seeking what had perished.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 16, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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12 "Let us believe then, dear brothers, according to the tradition of the apostles, that God the Word came down from heaven and entered the holy Virgin Mary, in order that, taking flesh from her, and assuming also a human, by which I mean a rational soul, and thus becoming all that man is except sin, He might save fallen man and confer immortality on men who believe in His name."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 32, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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He became man to restore God's image

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus says mankind was made in the image of the Word, but lost the likeness. When the Word became flesh, He showed the true image and joined people again to the Father. This ties the incarnation to our salvation.

13 "However, when the Word of God became flesh, He confirmed both of these: for He truly showed the image, as He became what was His image; and He re-established the likeness in a secure way, by connecting man to the invisible Father through the visible Word."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 17, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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He took flesh so people could see Him

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Arnobius answers critics who asked why God would appear as a man. No one could have seen God in His own nature, so He took human form to be seen and to teach. Origen says He lived among us, not apart from us.

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14 “Therefore He took on the form of man, and under the appearance of our race He enclosed His power, so that He could be seen and carefully observed, could speak and teach, and, without infringing on the sovereignty and rule of the Supreme King, could carry out all those purposes for which He had come into the world.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Arnobius,** *Against the Heathen* 1 (c. 290–330 AD) **Source 59, page 10** **Read it in the library ›**
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15 “Therefore He became flesh, and having become flesh, He tabernacled among us, not dwelling outside us.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 68 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 34, page 8** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not try to explain exactly how God and man are joined in one person; they mainly reject wrong ideas.
- They focus on the conception and birth, and say little here about Christ's childhood or human growth.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 65 early Christian passages and 232 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–65, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 66–147, in Bible order), then 150 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

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EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *65 passages from 24 writers*

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · source 1*

1 *Epistle of Barnabas* (1885 English; on point 1) again: Jesus who was manifested, both by type and in the flesh… [continues online] **read ›**

Mathetes, *c. 80–200 AD · source 2*

2 *Epistle to Diognetus* (on point 8) might be manifested to the world; and He, being despised by the people (of the Jews… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 3–8*

3 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English) **Quotes 1, 3, page 2** “the Word became flesh.” For “Wisdom builded for herself a house.” And God the Word was born as man, with a body, of the Virgin, without any intercourse of man… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* **Quote 4, page 2** “He was truly born of a virgin, was baptized by John, in order that all righteousness might be fulfilled by Him… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (on point 4) “the Word was made flesh.” Being incorporeal, He was in the body… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Epistles of Ignatius* things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." And concerning the incarnation: "The Word," says the Scripture, "became flesh and lived among us." And… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Epistle to the Trallians* (1885 English; on point 1) “also calumniate His being born of the Virgin… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English; on point 3) “indeed, the altogether peculiar birth of the Lord was of a virgin alone… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 9–14*

9 *First Apology* **Quote 5, page 3** again to how Isaiah explicitly foretold that He would be born of a virgin; for he spoke this way: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bring forth a son, and… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 3) “also it pleased Him to be born man by the Virgin… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Dialogue with Trypho* (on point 3) and bear a son," was spoken about Him. For if the one to whom Isaiah referred was not to be born of a virgin, of whom did the Holy Spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Dialogue with Trypho* (on point 3) I, returning to the discussion where I had paused earlier, when demonstrating that He was born of a virgin and that His birth from a virgin was foretold by Isaiah… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 3) “to those of whom the Christ should arise, according to the dispensation, through the Virgin Mary… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 3) “then you will show, [further], that He submitted to be born of the Virgin… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · source 15*

15 *Diatessaron* 3 (1885 English; on point 1) “1:14 And the Word became flesh, and took up his abode among us… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 16–20*

16 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 4** “But if the Lord became incarnate for any other order of things, and took flesh of any other substance, He has not then summed up human nature in His own… [continues online] **read ›**

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17 *Against Heresies: Book V* (1885 English) **Quote 13, page 5** "however, the Word of God became flesh, He confirmed both these: for He both showed forth the image truly, since He became Himself what was His image… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Against Heresies: Book III* (on point 3) "a virgin shall conceive and bear a son… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Against Heresies: Book I* (1885 English; on point 1) "summing up his statements respecting the Word previously mentioned by him, he further declares, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." But, according to their hypothesis, the… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Against Heresies: Book III* (on point 6) God promised David to raise up from the fruit of his belly as an eternal King is the same who was born of the Virgin, herself from David's lineage… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 21–23*

21 *Instructor* 3.1 says, speaking of the Lord, "Because He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Instructor* 1.12 (1885 English; on point 7) "order that, transforming earth-born man into a holy and heavenly being by His advent, He might fulfil to the utmost that divine utterance, Let Us make man in Our… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Exhortation to the Heathen* 1 (on point 7) "I say, the Word of God became man… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 24–29*

24 *On the Flesh of Christ* 6 (on point 1) says, we have found our way out of the frying pan into the fire, from Marcion to Apelles. This man first fell away from the principles of Marcion into relations… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Against Praxeas* 27 "Word, and the Spirit which became incarnate with the Word by the will of the Father… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *On the Flesh of Christ* 17 (on point 6) work of some respectable author, let us limit our inquiry to one point: whether Christ received flesh from the virgin. In this way we may arrive at a certain proof… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Against Marcion* 10 (on point 1) of woman, lest they grant that He was the Virgin's son. Since, however, divine authority and the nature of the case, and common sense, do not allow this insane… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *On the Flesh of Christ* 18 (on point 6) the virgin? Because, forsooth, it is something else which He took from God, for they say, "the Word was made flesh," John 1:14. Now this very statement plainly shows… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *On the Flesh of Christ* 20 (on point 3) "was simply this: that He was born of a virgin in the… [continues online] **read ›**

Early Liturgies, *c. 200–400 AD · sources 30–31*

30 *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 10, page 4** "immutably became man and was crucified, O Christ our God, and by Your death trod death underfoot… [continues online] **read ›**

31 *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) "having descended from heaven, and become flesh of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Godmother Mary, and having sojourned among men, fulfilled the dispensation for the salvation of our race… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 32–33*

32 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 **Quotes 2, 12, pages 2, 5** "let us not prove ourselves unbelieving, lest the word spoken be fulfilled in us… [continues online] **read ›**

33 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) "whom but of Him who is born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 34–37*

34 *Against Celsus* 68 **Quote 15, page 6** "He became flesh, and having become flesh, He tabernacled among… [continues online] **read ›**

35 *Commentary on John* 1 (1885 English; on point 8) "for us, the Word was made flesh, that He might tabernacle among us who could only thus at first receive Him… [continues online] **read ›**

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36 *Commentary on John* 2 to Isaiah, and to Jeremiah, and we have noticed the difference, by no means accidental, between became and was. We must add that in His coming to the prophets, He… [continues online] **read ›**

37 *Against Celsus* 34 (1885 English; on point 3) “it was, as the prophets also predicted, from a virgin that there was to be born, according to the promised sign, one who was to give His name to the… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · source 38*

38 *Miscellaneous Fragments* 1 “One says, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

Julius Africanus, *c. 232–265 AD · source 39*

39 *Extant Writings* 1 (1885 English; on point 4) “we saw Christ our Saviour, who was made known as both God and man… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · sources 40–43*

40 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 **Quote 9, page 4** “the chief foundation of our salvation is the incarnation of the Word. Therefore, we believe that the incarnation of the Word took place without any change in His divinity, for… [continues online] **read ›**

41 *A Sectional Confession of Faith* 1 **Quote 7, page 3** “is one Son, both before the incarnation and after the incarnation. The same Son is both man and God, both together as one. The God the Word is not one… [continues online] **read ›**

42 *Twelve Topics on the Faith* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 3** “any one affirms that Christ was born of the seed of man by the Virgin, in the same manner as all men are born, and refuses to acknowledge that He… [continues online] **read ›**

43 *Twelve Topics on the Faith* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) “could one say that Christ was born of the seed of man by the Virgin, when the holy Gospel and the angel, in proclaiming the good tidings, testify of Mary… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · sources 44–49*

44 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 21 (on point 4) first-born of every creature, He becomes flesh and dwells in us? That is, He takes on that man’s nature which is after every creature, and so dwells with… [continues online] **read ›**

45 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 15 (on point 4) “not God only, but man also. For just as He is not of this world according to the divinity of the Word, so He is of this world according to… [continues online] **read ›**

46 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 17 (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 4** “the Son of God makes man, that is to say, the Word of God, by whom all things were made, and without whom nothing was made… [continues online] **read ›**

47 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 24 (on point 4) In the case of the Son of man, there is only the continuance of the name. And so He reasonably became the Son of God, although originally He is not… [continues online] **read ›**

48 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 13 (on point 4) The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," that Christ, whose birth is being described, is man because He was made flesh? And because He is the Word of… [continues online] **read ›**

49 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 14 (on point 4) from insisting that Christ is God, even though he sees that Christ is proved to be God by so many words and facts. If Christ is only man, then when… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 50*

50 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 7) “man is, Christ was willing to be, that man also may be what Christ is… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 51*

51 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 3) that He was to be born of a virgin, they read this prophecy: Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call… [continues online] **read ›**

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Venantius, *c. 250–300 AD · source 52*

52 *Poem on Easter* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) “seeing that the human race was plunged in the depth of misery, that You might rescue man, Yourself also became man: nor were You willing only to be born with… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · source 53*

53 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) “said: Are you not, then, of opinion that He was born of the Virgin Mary… [continues online] **read ›**

Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · sources 54–58*

54 *Oration Concerning Simeon and Anna* 1 (1885 English; on point 6) “when the Creator and Framer of all things had, as the most divine Paul says, laid hold of the seed of Abraham, and through him of the whole human race… [continues online] **read ›**

55 *Oration Concerning Simeon and Anna* 1 the Holy One of Israel, the Instructor of Moses. I mean Him who promised to show him His divine incarnation, as it were His hinder parts, Exodus 3:23. Him… [continues online] **read ›**

56 *Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) “the meanwhile the evangelist says with firmness, The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

57 *Oration Concerning Simeon and Anna* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) “the womb of this virgin, without being opened before, or being impregnated with seed, gave birth to an offspring that transcended nature, while at the same time it was cognate… [continues online] **read ›**

58 *Concerning Free Will* 1 (1885 English; on point 3) “the meanwhile the evangelist says with firmness, The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us… [continues online] **read ›**

Arnobius, *c. 290–330 AD · source 59*

59 *Against the Heathen* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 14, page 6** “took upon Him, therefore, the form of man… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 60–62*

60 *Divine Institutes* 13 (1885 English; on point 3) “in His second, which was in the flesh, He was born of a virgin's womb without the office of a father, that, bearing a middle substance between God and… [continues online] **read ›**

61 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 43 (on point 3) “not only by words but also by deeds. Therefore He was born a second time as a man, from a virgin, without a father, so that, just as in His… [continues online] **read ›**

62 *Divine Institutes* 12 (on point 4) that God incarnate was about to come to men. For Emmanuel means God with us. Because when He was born of a virgin, men ought to confess that God was… [continues online] **read ›**

Peter of Alexandria, *c. 300–311 AD · source 63*

63 *Genuine Acts of Peter* (on point 6) “him first consider that Christ, the heavenly man, when He appeared, bore the same form of limbs and the same image of flesh as… [continues online] **read ›**

Alexander of Alexandria, *c. 313–328 AD · sources 64–65*

64 *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 (1885 English; on point 2) “compelled God to come down to earth, to take flesh of the Holy Virgin, to be wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, to be nourished with milk… [continues online] **read ›**

65 *Epistles on the Arian Heresy* 1 (on point 8) “since He was God, why did He become man… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *82 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

66 **Genesis 2:7** Then God formed the man of dust from the earth, and breathed into his face the breath of life, and the man became a living soul. **read ›**

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67 **Genesis 24:16** The virgin was very beautiful to look at. She was a virgin; no man had known her. She went down to the spring, filled her water jar, and came up. **read ›**

68 **Genesis 25:22** The children leaped within her, and she said, “If it is going to be like this for me, why has this come to me?” And she went to inquire of the Lord. **read ›**

69 **Exodus 2:2** She conceived and bore a male child; and when they saw that he was beautiful, they hid him three months. **read ›**

70 **Exodus 2:25** And God looked upon the children of Israel and was made known to them. **read ›**

71 **Deuteronomy 23:3** An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation he shall not enter the assembly of the Lord, even forever, (Septuagint Deuteronomy 23:4 (Deuteronomy 23:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

72 **Judges 13:3** The angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, “Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive a son. **read ›**

73 **Judges 13:5** For behold, you are with child and shall bear a son, and no iron shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines.” **read ›**

74 **Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive in the womb, and shall bear a son, and you shall call his name Immanuel. **read ›**

75 **Isaiah 7:21** And it shall be in that day that a man shall rear a young cow and two sheep; **read ›**

76 **Isaiah 13:20** It will never be inhabited, nor will they enter it at all for many generations; nor will Arabians ever pass through it, nor will shepherds ever rest in it. **read ›**

77 **Isaiah 18:3** all of them, will be inhabited like an inhabited country; their land will be as when a signal is raised from a mountain; it will be heard like the sound of a trumpet. **read ›**

78 **Jeremiah 8:5** Why has this people of mine turned away with a shameless turning, and were held fast in their own willfulness, and refused to return? **read ›**

79 **Jeremiah 44:15** Then all the men who knew that their wives burned incense, and all the women, a great congregation, and all the people living in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, (Septuagint Jeremiah 51:15 (Jeremiah 44:15 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

80 **Jeremiah 50:7** All who found them devoured them; their enemies said, “Let us not release them, because they sinned against the Lord: a pasture of righteousness to him who gathered their fathers.” (Septuagint Jeremiah 27:7 (Jeremiah 50:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

81 **Ezekiel 10:11** When they went, they went on their four sides; they did not turn as they went; for to whatever place the one head looked, they went, and they did not turn as they went. **read ›**

82 **Ezekiel 14:1** And men from among the elders of the people of Israel came to me and sat before me. **read ›**

83 **Ezekiel 25:6** For thus says the Lord: Because you clapped your hand and stamped with your foot, and rejoiced from your soul over the land of Israel, **read ›**

84 **Amos 2:14** And flight shall perish from the runner, and the strong shall certainly not hold on to his strength, and the warrior shall certainly not save his life; **read ›**

85 **Amos 4:13** For behold, I am he who makes the thunder firm and creates the wind, and proclaims to men his Christ, who makes the dawn and the mist, and treads upon the high places of the earth: the Lord God Almighty is his name. **read ›**

86 **Amos 7:2** And it shall be, if it finishes devouring the grass of the land— and I said, “O Lord God, be gracious! Who will raise up Jacob? For he is very small. **read ›**

87 **Tobit 12:22** And they acknowledged his great and wonderful works, and how the angel of the Lord had appeared to them. **read ›**

88 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:14** He has become to us a rebuke to our thoughts. **read ›**

89 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:18** For if the righteous man is a son of God, God will help him, and deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. **read ›**

90 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:23** For God created man for incorruption, and made him an image of his own nature. **read ›**

91 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:13** Made perfect in a short time, he fulfilled long years; **read ›**

92 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:19** and incorruption brings one near to God; **read ›**

93 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:2** and in the womb of a mother I was molded into flesh, within the time of ten months, compacted in blood from the seed of a man and the pleasure that came with sleep. **read ›**

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94 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:27** Though she is one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God and prophets. **read ›**

95 **Wisdom of Solomon 8:20** or rather, being good, I entered an undefiled body. **read ›**

96 **Wisdom of Solomon 10:16** She entered into the soul of a servant of the Lord, and withstood dreadful kings with wonders and signs. **read ›**

97 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:20** And the multitude, drawn by the grace of the work, now regarded as an object of worship the man who shortly before had been honored. **read ›**

98 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:1** But for your holy ones there was very great light; and the others, hearing their voice but not seeing their form, counted them blessed because they too had suffered, **read ›**

99 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:15** your all-powerful word leaped from heaven, from the royal thrones, a stern warrior, into the midst of the doomed land, **read ›**

100 **Wisdom of Solomon 19:19** For land creatures were changed into water creatures, and swimming creatures moved onto the land. **read ›**

101 **Wisdom of Sirach 14:17** All flesh grows old like a garment, for the covenant from of old is, 'You shall die the death.' **read ›**

102 **Wisdom of Sirach 15:2** And she will meet him like a mother, and like a virgin bride she will welcome him. **read ›**

103 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:1** The Lord created man out of earth, and returned him to it again. **read ›**

104 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:30** For not everything can be in men, since a son of man is not immortal. **read ›**

105 **Wisdom of Sirach 44:20** who kept the law of the Most High and entered into a covenant with him; and in his flesh he established a covenant, and when tested he was found faithful. **read ›**

106 **Baruch 3:37** After this he appeared on earth and lived among men. **read ›**

107 **2 Maccabees 14:35** "You, O Lord, who have need of nothing at all, were pleased that there should be a temple for your dwelling among us. **read ›**

108 **4 Maccabees 7:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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123 **Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this: After his mother, Mary, was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found pregnant by the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

124 **Matthew 1:23** "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which means "God with us." **read ›**

125 **Luke 1:27** to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. **read ›**

126 **Luke 1:31** Behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and you shall bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **read ›**

127 **Luke 1:35** The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you. Therefore also the holy one to be born shall be called the Son of God. **read ›**

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128 **Luke 8:1** Soon afterward he went through cities and villages, proclaiming and preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, **read ›**

129 **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **read ›**

130 **John 1:10** He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, and the world did not know him. **read ›**

131 **John 1:13** who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God. **read ›**

132 **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we looked upon his glory, glory as of the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. **read ›**

133 **Acts 7:14** Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his relatives, seventy-five souls. **read ›**

134 **Acts 9:5** He said, “Who are you, Lord?” The Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **read ›**

135 **Acts 26:18** to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, and receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those sanctified by faithfulness toward me.’ **read ›**

136 **Romans 15:8** Now I say that Christ Jesus has become a servant of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises to the fathers, **read ›**

137 **2 Corinthians 8:9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich. **read ›**

138 **Galatians 4:4** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent out his Son, born to a woman, born under the law, **read ›**

139 **Philippians 2:7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming to be in the likeness of men. **read ›**

140 **Philippians 2:8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **read ›**

141 **Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **read ›**

142 **1 Timothy 3:16** And by common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. **read ›**

143 **Hebrews 2:9** But we see him who has been made a little lower than the angels, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God he should taste of death for everyone. **read ›**

144 **1 John 1:1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and our hands touched, concerning the Word of life— **read ›**

145 **1 John 1:2** and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and declare to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— **read ›**

146 **1 John 4:3** and every spirit that does not confess Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world. **read ›**

147 **1 John 5:1** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God. Whoever loves the Father also loves the child who is born of him. **read ›**

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