Why Did God Become Man?

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INTRODUCTION

- In chapter 2 is described in verse 7 as well as in verse 9 that he was made a little lower than angels. When he came in human flesh, he came as man.
- Why did God have to become man in order to accomplish his purpose?
- From our verses 5 through the end of the chapter, there are four different reasons that are given that we'll look at.

1 Restoring the Dominion Man Lost

Psalm 8; Genesis 1:28; Genesis 3:17–19

- But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that he, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.
- That's as God made it originally. Man was to subdue, he had dominion.
- Man lost that dominion. We understand pain. We understand suffering. We understand death. All of these the consequence of sin.
- But Jesus Christ is the answer to this dilemma. What man lost? Jesus Christ, is able to restore.
- And consequently, as tasting death for everyone, he is able to restore even that dominion which man has lost in this world.

2 Bringing Many Sons to Glory

Colossians 1:16–17; 2 Corinthians 6:17–18

- For it was fitting for him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- He is the origin. He is the pioneer. He is the leader of our salvation. He's the one who made salvation possible.
- He was made perfect through sufferings as a sacrifice. He is the one who is completely qualified.
- For he who sanctifies, that's Christ. And those who are being sanctified, that's Christians, are all of one.
- But Jesus Christ is not ashamed to call us brethren.

3 Disarming Satan and Delivering Us from Death

1 Peter 5:8

- That through death he might destroy him who had the power of death, that is the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
- The death spoken of was first and foremost that separation from God.
- But what Jesus Christ did was make possible the deliverance from that death. He first of all disarmed Satan.

- But Jesus Christ died in my place. Jesus Christ died in your place. And in that sense, he disarmed Satan.
- And indeed, you and I are still tempted and tested by the devil. But we can be made free only as we come to Jesus Christ.

4 A Merciful and Faithful High Priest

Hebrews 4:14–16

- In all things he had to be made like his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- For in that he himself has suffered, being tempted, he is able to aid those who are tempted.
- So he was made perfect as a sacrifice. But also he's made able to understand and sympathize.
- What he's saying is we do have a high priest who can sympathize with us.
- Jesus Christ is our high priest. He offered himself as our sacrifice for us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And though he is greater than all of us, he's not ashamed to call us his brethren. Are you ashamed to call him your Lord? I hope not.**

MY NOTES