

# PARADOXES OF THE INCARNATION

PARADOX, a statement that seems contradictory, unbelievable, or absurd, but that may actually be true in fact. Seemingly contradictory but founded on truth.

## **1. He came out of the Ivory palaces to live in the lowly places.**

*2 Corinthians 8:9 that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. [See also Luke 1:46-55]*

## **2. The all wise God would grow in wisdom and stature.**

*Luke 2:52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

## **3. The omnipresent would now dwell in an earthly tabernacle.**

*John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,  
1 Kings 8:27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!*

## **4. The mighty God would become a helpless infant.**

*Isaiah 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonder, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

## **5. The creator now became the creature.**

*John 1:3 All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

## **6. The Word became speechless.**

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

## **7. The Holy One has now been made in the likeness of sinful flesh.**

*Romans 8:3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God [did:] sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and [as an offering] for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, (NASB)*

## **8. He who would not be tempted is tempted.**

*James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. (NASB)*

*Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as [we are, yet] without sin.*

## **9. He who was from eternity would now inhabit time.**

*John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."*

*Colossians 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. (NASB)*

## **10. He who was worshipped by angels is now made lower than angels.**

*Hebrews 1:6 And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, " And let all the angels of God worship Him."*

*Hebrews 2:7 "Thou hast made him for a little while lower than the angels; Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, and hast appointed him over the works of Thy hands;*

**11. He who would have men seek His will would now have to seek His Father's will.**

*Matthew 26:39 "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt."*

**12. He who upheld all things by the power of His word must be obedient.**

*Hebrews 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high; (NASB)*

*Hebrews 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. (NASB)*

**13. He who was equal with God now would become a humble servant.**

*Philippians 2:6-7 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, [and] being made in the likeness of men.*

**14. He who was invisible must now dwell in our presence, but the world would not receive Him.**

*1 Timothy 6:16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To Him [be] honor and eternal dominion! Amen. (NASB)*

*John 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

**15. He was called a man of war but became the Prince of Peace.**

*Exodus 15:3 "The LORD is a warrior; The LORD is His name.*

**16. He who gave the Law, must now live under the Law.**

*Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, (NASB)*

**17. The source of life is now subject to death.**

*Job 33:4 "The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

**18. He who could not be sought out, now revealed himself.**

*Job 11:7-9 "Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty? 8 "[They are] high as the heavens, what can you do? Deeper than Sheol, what can you know? 9 "Its measure is longer than the earth, And broader than the sea.*

*John 1:18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained [Him.]*

**19. He who owns the cattle on a thousand hills will now lay in a cattle stall.**

*Psalms 50:10 "For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills.*

**20. He who owned the earth and the fullness thereof could find no room in the inn.**

*Psalms 24:1 A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.*