

CONSIDER HIM

The life of Jesus, the Messiah,
and what it means to follow Him

The 2024 Young Adults' Camp

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2. **“...and we beheld His glory”**
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From the prophets:

For to us **a child is born**,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His name shall be called

- Wonderful Counselor,
- Mighty God,
- Everlasting Father,
- Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government
and of peace there will be no end,
on **the throne of David** and over His kingdom...
...from this time forth and **forevermore**.

(Isaiah 9:6-7)

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From the gospels:

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb
and bring forth a son, and shall call His name JESUS.

He will be great, and will be called **the Son of the Highest**;
and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

And He will reign over the house of Jacob **forever**,
and **of His kingdom there will be no end.**”

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 1:31-33,35)

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From the letters:

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, **though He was in the form of God**,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but **emptied Himself**, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, **He humbled Himself**
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

(Philippians 2:5-8)

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...**our Lord Jesus Christ**, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; **truly God and truly man**, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the manhood; in all things like unto us, **without sin**;

begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead... **born of the virgin Mary**, the mother of God, according to the manhood;

...to be acknowledged **in two natures**, **inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably**; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in **one Person** and one Subsistence...

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- **Christ is perfectly and truly God and perfectly and truly man**, with a rational soul and a real body. The Logos does not take the place of the soul.
- **He is of the same substance as God.** He is not less than God.
- He is the Son of God eternally begotten by his Father but also made flesh in the womb of Mary. **He is one person, not two.**
- **He is now one Person with two natures**, divine and human. These two natures are never confused with each other, changed into each other, or separated from each other.

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- **If Christ is less than God**, He cannot reconcile us to God.
(The error: Arianism)
- **If Christ is not truly human**, He is not really one with us and therefore cannot be our Mediator. (The error: Apollinarianism)
- **If there are two persons in Christ**, then only the human person was the sacrifice to God on the cross and a single death could never atone for the sins of many. (The error: Nestorianism)
- **If the two natures of Christ are combined** into one, then our Lord is no longer truly one of us and cannot be our substitute. (The error: Eutychianism)

(Extracted from: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/chalcedon> by Sinclair Ferguson)

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The Lord Jesus lived in and through His human nature
in constant dependence on the power of the Spirit
to fulfill His calling and ministry.

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Incarnation

- One Person with two natures
- The divine and human are distinct and unmixed
- He is forever fully man and fully God

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- ✓ What if it was only a great prophet or angel that came?
What does the incarnation of the Son mean for you?
- ✓ What does the Lord’s incarnation say about humanity?

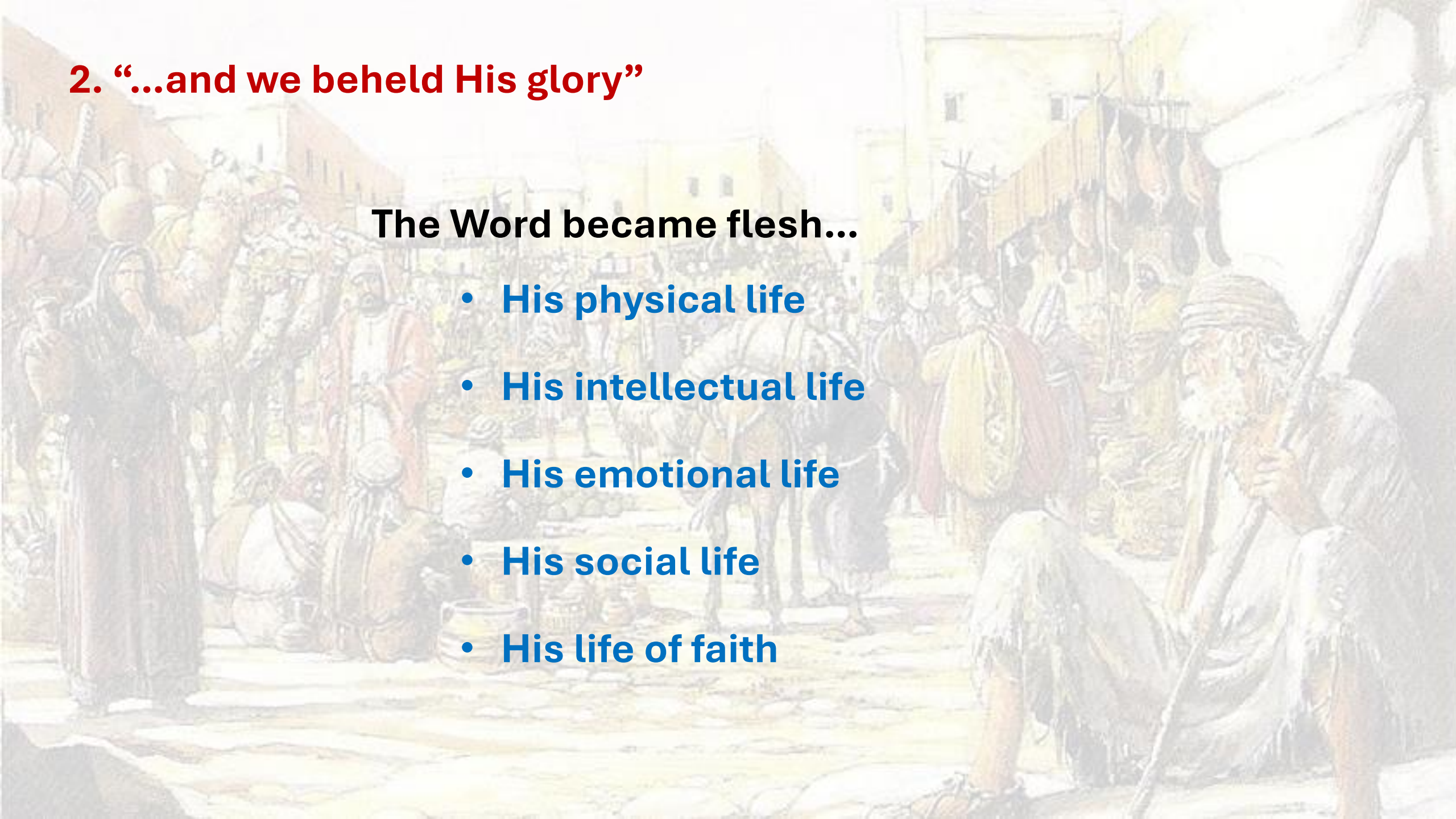
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- **His emotional life**
- **His social life**
- **His life of faith**



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The Word became flesh...

- **His physical life**
 - He was born a helpless infant
 - *And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.* (Luke 2:52)
 - He slept, hungered, was wearied by travel
 - He worked, suffered pain, and died
- **His intellectual life**
- **His emotional life**
- **His social life**
- **His life of faith**

2. “...and we beheld His glory”

The Word became flesh...

- **His physical life**
- **His intellectual life**
 - He learned and asked questions
 - He reacted to information (Mathew 14:13)
 - He was not, in His humanity, omniscient (Mark 13:32)
- **His emotional life**
- **His social life**
- **His life of faith**

2. “...and we beheld His glory”

The Word became flesh...

- **His physical life**
- **His intellectual life**
- **His emotional life**
 - He showed wonder and surprise (Matthew 8:10)
 - He knew anger and disappointment
 - He wept openly and spoke of His joy
- **His social life**
- **His life of faith**

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The Word became flesh...

- **His physical life**
- **His intellectual life**
- **His emotional life**
- **His social life**
 - He was part of a family, working as a carpenter
 - He attended social events
 - He had special and dear friends
 - He valued companionship
- **His life of faith**

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- **His physical life**
- **His intellectual life**
- **His emotional life**
- **His social life**
- **His life of faith**
 - He spent much time in prayer
 - He lived in dependence on His Father
 - He lived in obedience to His Father

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The glory of His life...

- **Life without sin**
- **Perfect balance**
- **Union**

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- **Life without sin**
 - He took a human nature, but not a fallen one (Luke 1:35)
 - Nothing He did or said needed correction or improvement
 - He had no consciousness of sin, no need of forgiveness
 - Sin was absent and all good was present – perfect love!
- **Perfect balance**
- **Union**

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The glory of His life...

- **Life without sin**
- **Perfect balance**
 - He had no strong points because He had no weak ones
 - He was serious and joyful, separate yet sociable
 - He was sensitive yet unswerving, meek and assertive
 - He was very active, yet unrushed and at peace
- **Union**

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 - Jesus love for His Father permeated everything
 - His works and words were from His Father
 - **His life was human life as it was intended to be**

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What the Lord said...

- 1. Concerning Himself**
- 2. Concerning us**

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- He preached Himself – The great “I am” statements
- He said that He would judge the world. (Matthew 25:31-32)
- “...no one knows the Father except the Son...” (Matthew 11:27)
- “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18)
- “...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19)
- “...all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father.” (John 5:23)
- “Before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58)
- “I give to them eternal life” (John 10:28)
- “I am My Father are one.” (John 10:30)
- “You believe in God; believe also in Me.” (John 14:1)
- “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:14)

1. Concerning Himself

CS Lewis in **Mere Christianity**:

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him:

“I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.”

That is the one thing we must not say.

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. **You must make your choice.**

Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. **He has not left that open to us.** He did not intend to.

2. Concerning us

- “Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.” (Matthew 10:37)
- “Any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:33)
- “Unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins.” (John 8:24)
- “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)



The Saviour of the World

- His humanity was real, without fault, complete.
- His words were profound, timeless and authoritative.
- “*Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father.*” (John 14:9)
- A unique life – no other is of the same order.

The Saviour of the World

**And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us,
and we have seen His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

(John 1:14)

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- ✓ Reflect upon the Lord's life, nature and personality in the four situations recorded in Luke chapter 7.