

Steven Ray: Jesus – The Word Became Flesh Video

Footprints of God Series

Chapter One: In the Fullness of Time

Eden – Man, Women and a Serpent

Calvary – Man, Women and a Serpent

Genesis 3:15 – “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.”

Through Salvation history God sent us clues as to how He would bring about Salvation.

Prophets prepared us for Jesus

Micah – Born in Bethlehem; Micah 5:1-4 – “But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, And the rest of his brethren shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.”

Bethlehem – house of bread – city of David

Shepherds were at the birth of the Lamb

Jesus was born in a cave and not a barn

Church of the Nativity – built where Jesus was born

Christ’s impact was so profound he split history into 2 parts – BC and AD

Word became flesh and dwelt among us

CC 469 – Jesus became true God and true man

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“What he was, he remained and what he was not, he assumed,” sings the Roman Liturgy. And the liturgy of St. John Chrysostom proclaims and sings: “O only-begotten Son and Word of God, immortal being, you who deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, you who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God, you who by your death have crushed death, you who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us!”

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Jesus = Savior

CC 474 – Jesus knew what He was to do and who He was!

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Chapter Two: Proclaiming the Kingdom

Jordan River – Jesus’ Baptism by John the Baptist

He sanctified the water for Baptism

Early Christians used all three means of baptism: Immersion, pouring and sprinkling

Have you been born again?

John 3:5 – “Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.”

Messiah = Anointed One

Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes

Some say it is not a miracle and Jesus taught everyone to share, but this is a great injustice to our Lord. He is Jesus and could perform a miracle and supply everyone with plenty of food and have lots of leftovers.

John 6:63 – “It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

This does not say He means nothing, no, flesh means human understanding

Jesus used symbols often in His teachings. He stood on a huge rock to establish the office of pope, when He said to Peter, “upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.”

Again, at Mount Taber - Transfiguration