

I AM COME

The Firstborn From The Dead

- I. **Him lying in that manger was the beginning of a stealth mission to undo everything the devil did and defeat death-1Jn3:8-For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil**
- A. The works of the devil were sin and death-Rm5:12-As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men
- II. **We owed eternal death spirit, soul, body-Rm6:23-Wages of sin (nature) is death-Co2:13-NLT-You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.**
- A. Forgiveness of sin means you don't have to pay the debt owed-You don't owe death so you can be made alive-Co2:13-NLT-For he forgave all our sins.
- B. Forgiveness of sin doesn't just mean that God's not mad at you anymore for your sin-He didn't die so God wouldn't be mad at us for cussing and lying
- III. **By eating the death and coming back He defeated it-Hb2:9-Taste death for every man**
- A. He's going to die for us spirit/soul/body because that's what we owe-If I want you to be forgiven of what you owe I have to pay what you owe-1Th5:10-Who died for us, that...we should live together with him
- B. He came here as man (spirit, soul, body) so he could die like men and die-Ph2:6-AC-Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, ⁷ But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being (YL-But did empty himself).⁸ And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross-KJ-Was made in the likeness of men
- C. It was the whole of him that was an offering for sin, not just his body-Is53:10-When you shalt make his soul (the whole of a person body, breath, mind, inner being of man, breath, ghost, mind, body) an offering for sin...¹¹He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: ¹² he hath poured out his soul unto death-2Co5:21-He hath made him to be sin for us-Is53:4-He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows
- D. Spirit, soul and body he died-2Cor5:21-Made sin for us-Is52:14-He was beaten so badly he no longer looked like a man-Is53:4-Borne our griefs and carried our sorrows
- IV. **Defeating death he was raised from the dead-Re1:18-I am he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death-Rm6:9-Know that Christ being raised from the dead dies no more; death hath no more dominion over him**
- A. When he was raised from the dead, this was the first man ever like this; alive inside, glorified outside-Co1:18-He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead-Rm8:29-Firstborn among many brethren-Hb2:10-The captain (pioneer, takes lead and affords us an example) of their salvation 2Tm1:10-By the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel
- B. You have been raised with Him-This isn't talking about your body-Eph1:19-And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places. ¹And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; ⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- C. We will be like him-1Jn3:2-Now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him