

I. Prophets Predict Christ's Coming.

A. Isaiah 7:14.

1. A virgin will give birth to a son.
2. "Immanuel" means "God with us" (Matt. 1:23).
3. This prophecy was fulfilled in Matt. 1:18-25.

B. Micah 5:2.

1. The Christ-child will be born in Bethlehem.
2. Right before this child's birth Mary is in Nazareth.
3. God uses a Roman emperor to get Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7).

II. Why God Became a Man.

A. We can understand why a man would want to become God, but why would God want to become a man?

B. The answer to this question is found in 2 Corinthians 8:9.

C. Jesus was rich.

1. Position – King of the universe.
2. Power – all authority was given to him.
3. Possessions – all things were created by and for him.

D. Jesus became poor.

1. Position – the King became a humble servant.
2. Power – he voluntarily set aside the independent use of his supernatural power (John 5:19,30 and 8:28).
3. Possessions – his material wealth was minimal.
4. His greatest poverty was experienced on the cross; on the cross Jesus, the sinless one, became a sin offering for us (2 Cor. 5:21).

E. Because Jesus became poor, we can become rich.

1. We are poor; our poverty is spiritual poverty.
2. Sin puts us in the spiritual slums; Jesus can put us in spiritual mansions.
3. Jesus can't make us rich until we admit we are poor.

III. How to Become Rich in Jesus.

A. Understand who Jesus is – God incarnate (John 1:1,14).

B. Understand what Jesus did for you – he died on a cross to make amends for and take away your sin (1 John:2:2).

C. Make a conscious decision to accept Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord (John 1:12).