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The Incarnation

◆ **The Pre-Incarnate Christ**

- God the Son | Jesus Christ
 - o God the Son – has co-existed eternally along with the Father and Holy Spirit in the perfect union of the Trinity
 - o Jesus Christ – born in Bethlehem to Mary about 2000 years ago, where God the Son took on flesh and became a man
 - 100% man and 100% God.
 - This is the *incarnation*
 - o **Christ = Messiah**
 - Therefore, to talk of the pre-incarnate Christ is to talk of *God the Son at a point historically prior to his becoming the embodied Messiah.*

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The Son Before Bethlehem

◆ **The Pre-Incarnate Son | What We Know with Certainty**

- He is Creator (Col. 1:15-16; Jn. 1:1-3; Heb. 1:1-2)
- He is Sustainer (Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3)
- He is the ultimate Heir and Benefactor (Col. 1:17-20; Heb. 1:2; Rom. 8:16-17)
- He is Magnificent (Jn. 17:4-5; Heb. 1:3)
- He is Divine (Jn. 8:58; Phil. 2:5-7)

◆ **The Pre-Incarnate Son | What We Consider with Thoughtfulness**

- The glory of Melchizedek (Gen. 14:17-20; Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:1-3)
- The angel of the Lord (Ex. 3:1-5; 14:19; 23:20-21; Josh. 5:13-15; Jdgs. 6:11-24; Jude 5)
 - o The name of the Lord (Isa. 30:27; Ps. 20:1; Jn. 17:11-12)
- The word of the Lord (Gen. 15:1-6; 1 Sam. 3:3-10; 20-21; Jer. 1:4-10; Jn. 1:1-3; 14)

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**The Pre-Incarnate Son | What We
Conclude in Worship**

- The scope of Christ's glory
 - o The danger of a Jesus who is known *only* as Savior
 - o The danger of a Jesus who demands anything less than everything
