

A CHILD  
IS BORN

INCARNATION

"FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN,  
AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR, MIGHTY GOD,  
EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE." ISAIAH 9:6



# ★ WHO LOVES SURPRISES? ★



Which surprising Bible stories  
do these objects represent?



















God is a God of surprises – He often  
works in surprising ways: ★ ★

# Isaiah 55:8-9:

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares  
the Lord."*





One of the challenges we  
face in a secular society  
is this:

*PRESENTS vs  
PRESENCE*





# INCARNATION

- The term "Incarnation of Christ" refers to the central Christian belief that God, in the person of Jesus Christ, took on human flesh.
- The word "incarnation" is derived from the Latin "incarnatio," meaning "to make into flesh".





THE INCARNATION  
MEANS WE HAVE THE  
MIRACLE OF  
FORGIVENESS





★  
What are the five most common  
values, and emotions that can drive  
your life? ★

- Guilt★
- Resentment & anger
- Fear
- Materialism
- Need for approval



# The Incarnation fulfils prophecy in the Old Testament:

ISAIAH 9:6

**FOR A CHILD IS BORN TO US,**

**A SON IS GIVEN TO US. HE WILL BE CALLED:**

**W O N D E R F U L   C O U N S E L O R**

**M I G H T Y   G O D**

**E V E R L A S T I N G   F A T H E R**

**P R I N C E   O F   P E A C E**





★  
By becoming human, Jesus identifies with human experiences and is the atoning sacrifice for human sin. Through Jesus, humanity can be reconciled with God.

• Matt 1:21 *"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."*

• Rom 3:25-26



## ★ ★ Rom 3:25-26 The Message Paraphrase Version

*“God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured. This is not only clear, but it’s now—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in his rightness.”*





# ★ THE INCARNATION MEANS WE HAVE THE ★ MAJESTY IN THE MESS

★  
*Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
Would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
Has come to make you new?*



★  
★  
Images of postcards - sanitised stable,  
sentimental songs -the reality was a lot  
more messy, just as it is in our lives!

*“a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the  
glory of your people Israel.” .....the thoughts of  
many hearts will be revealed.*

*And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”“*

**Luke 2:32-35 NIV**



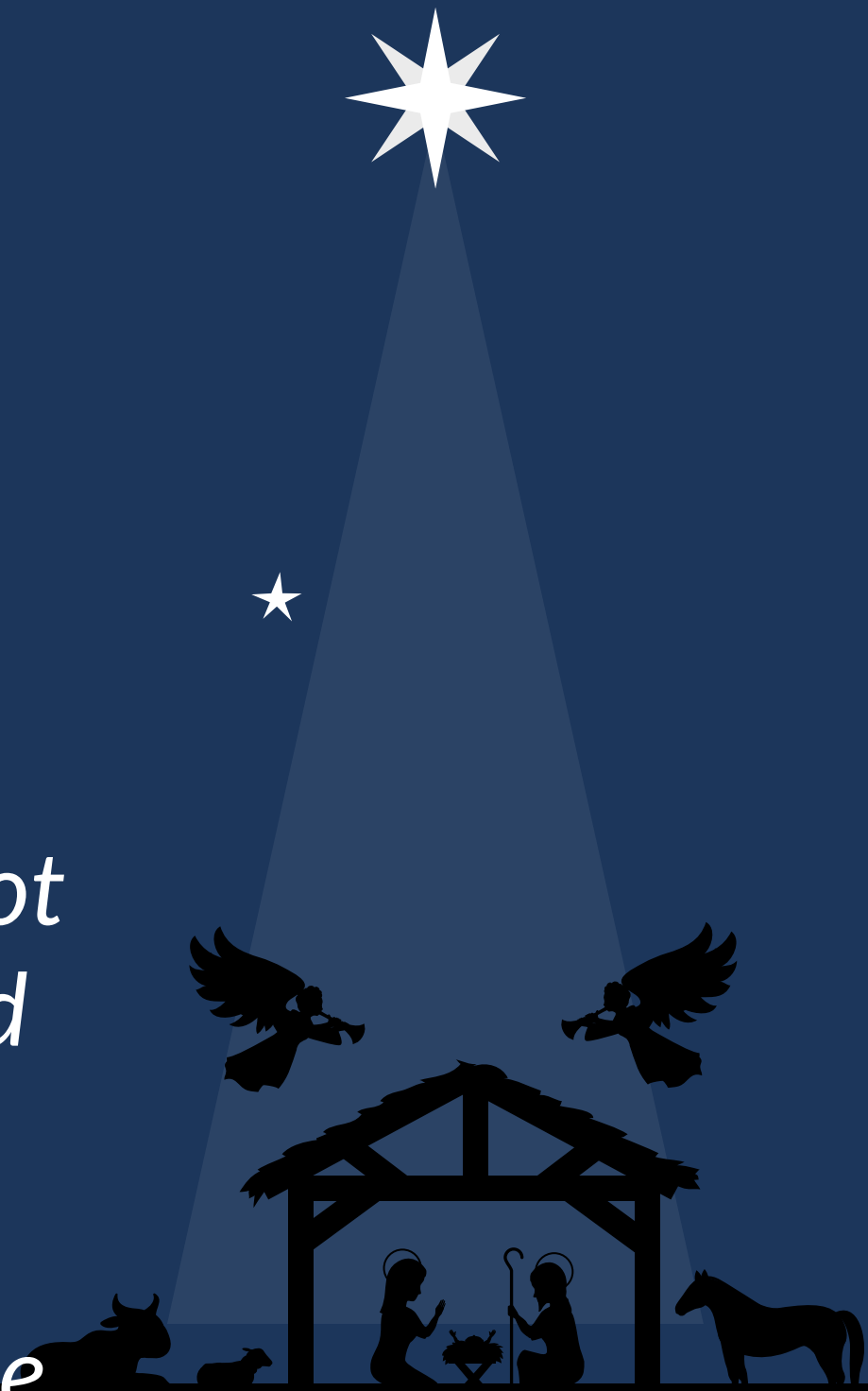


## Paul writes about majesty in the mess– 2 Cor 4:7-11

*“Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we’re proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand darkness!” .....*

*We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That’s to prevent anyone from confusing God’s incomparable power with us.....*

*We’ve been surrounded and battered by troubles, but we’re not demoralized; we’re not sure what to do, but we know that God knows what to do; we’ve been spiritually terrorized, but God hasn’t left our side; we’ve been thrown down, but we haven’t broken. What they did to Jesus, they do to us—trial and torture, mockery and murder; what Jesus did among them, he does in us—he lives!”*



VIDEO Clip

Wrapping Paper





THE INCARNATION  
MEANS WE HAVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO  
WORSHIP THE KING



★  
Matt 2:1-2, 11 ★

*“We saw his star when it rose and have  
come to worship him.”*

*.....and they bowed down and  
worshiped him. Then they opened their  
treasures and presented him with gifts of  
gold, frankincense and myrrh. That we  
might worship him”*





★  
*Worship is not simply about singing a few songs:  
It's the giving of all that we are all our lives.* ★

★  
**Romans 12:1**

*“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with  
you to give your bodies to God because of all he  
has done for you. Let them be a living and holy  
sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable.  
This is truly the way to worship him”*



★  
★  
★  
Jesus put it very clearly and directly  
when He began His public ministry.★

## Mark 1:15

*“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”*





CONCLUSION:

O come, O come, Emmanuel;

[www.newlifecrawley.church/explore](http://www.newlifecrawley.church/explore)

