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KEY QUESTION: Is 'God made man' a good way to understand the Christmas story?

Key Vocabulary

Incarnation	The appearance of God in a human form.
prophecy	The foretelling of the future.
Holy Spirit	Part of the trinity (meaning 3); holy spirit, God and Jesus. The Holy Spirit is God's power in action.
gospel	One of the first four New Testament books telling of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
Avatar	An incarnation or representation of God.



Key Concept Questions

Why is Christmas important for Christians?
Why is Jesus's name important?
Why is Jesus's death as important to Christians as his birth?
Does the Christmas story make a difference to how Christians live their lives?
Is Christian belief in Jesus as God incarnate, similar to Hindu belief in Avatars?
Is Christmas still meaningful for people who are not Christian and do not believe that Jesus was God in human form?

Key Knowledge

For Christians it is the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, born to a Virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit
 Jesus is understood to be God made Man and the name Emmanuel or Immanuel mean "God with us"
 The so called traditional Christmas narrative is only present in 2 of the 4 gospels (Matthew and Luke) and even then some of the elements most familiar in the western world are only present in one of the two.
 The prophecies of Isaiah 6 and Micah 2 tell of Jesus as the Son of God who will save them.
 The name Jesus (Joshua or Yeshua) means "he saves" and Christ and Messiah both mean "anointed one".
 Aritzi created a painting called 'Incarnation' which depicts the incarnation as a kind of explosion – the young Jesus flies down like a lightning from the divine hand to the slave peoples of the USA and to all who are in bondage. A black Jesus is seen as the hope of the wretched – he will be their saviour. This is not a 'Christmas card' view of God coming to earth. But the title 'incarnation' is the word Christians use to explain God becoming human in Jesus.

