

What is God teaching me through the life of Jesus?

1. Be Humble - God's way up is down.
2. Suffer Well - God changed the world by suffering, not by miracles.

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV)

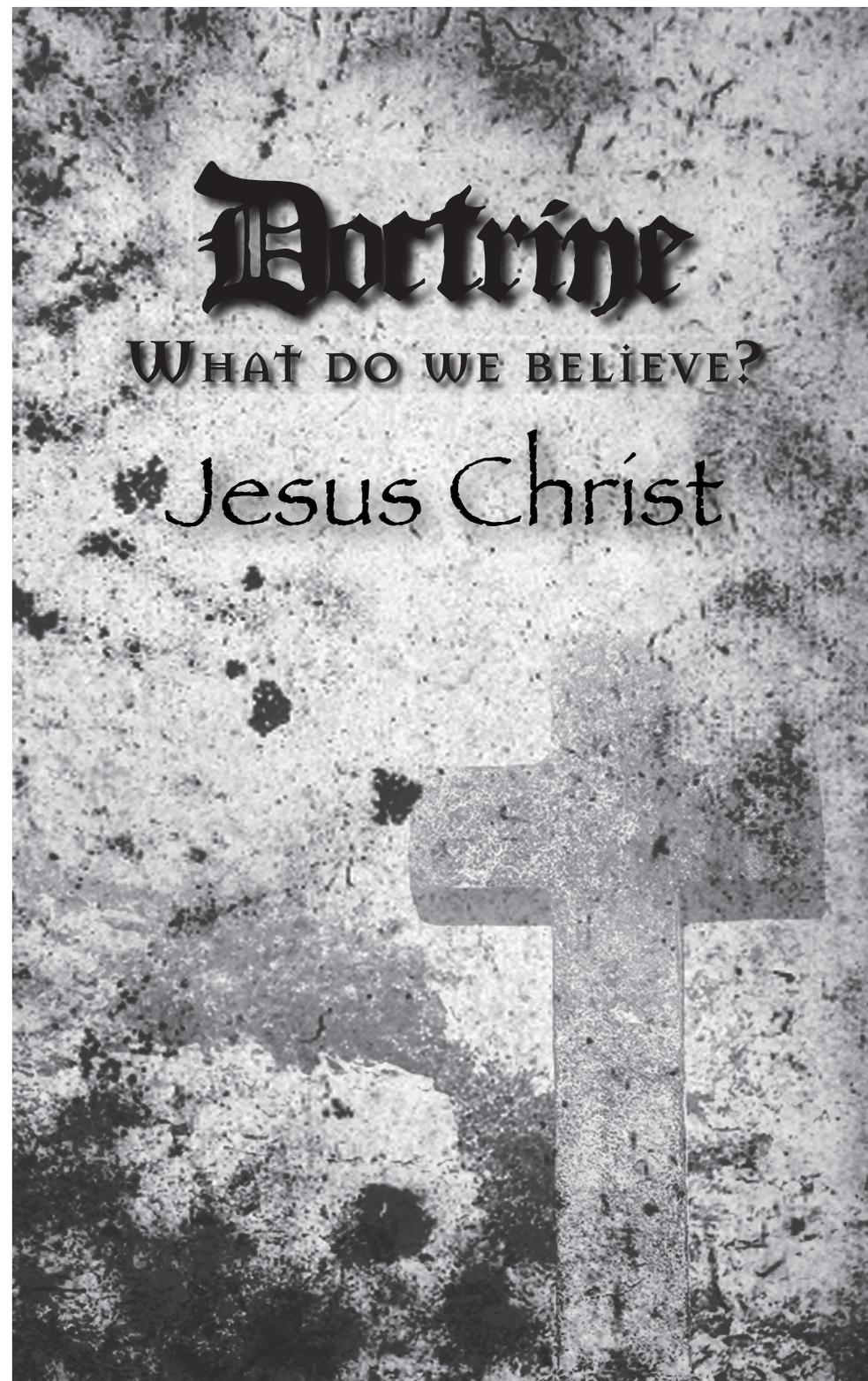
**The lighter our cross,
the weaker our witness.**

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Jesus Christ

What does the word incarnation mean?

Incarnation means God in the meat.

Incarnation is God becoming a man, not a man becoming God.

Why did Jesus become a man?

It was the only way for God's justice to be served and God's love to be displayed.

3. Jesus changed his mission.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:8 (ESV)

What happened when Jesus completed his mission?

Jesus was highly exalted by the Father.

I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. John 17:4–5 (ESV)

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9–11 (ESV)

How did Jesus change in the incarnation?

Philippians 2:5-11

1. Jesus changed his role.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:5-7 (NIV)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isaiah 6:1-3 (NIV)

Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him. John 12:41 (NIV)

What does "made himself nothing" mean?

- It does NOT mean Jesus left part of his divinity behind.
- It means Jesus voluntarily limited the free exercise of his attributes while on earth.

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Mark 13:32 (NIV)

2. Jesus changed his appearance.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:8 (ESV)