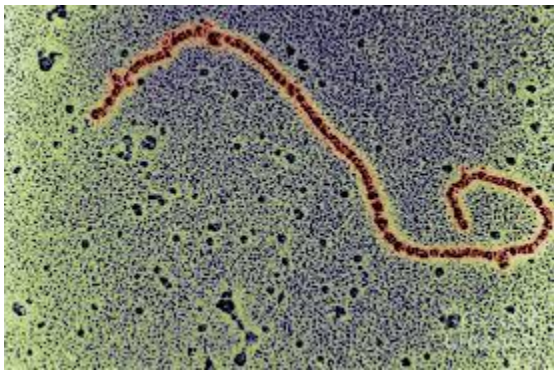


The Incarnation

Although the birth of Jesus, the Christ Child, is celebrated and romanticized worldwide as the time Jesus entered and divided human history, the scientific reality is that He actually accomplished that nine (9) months earlier, when the Angel Gabriel visited the Virgin Mary.

After their encounter recorded in Luke 1:26-38, Mary embraced her God-ordained destiny as she gave Gabriel permission to receive the impregnation of the Son of God. Verse 38: ***And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy word."*** And in that instant, the "Seed" was placed in her womb by the Holy Spirit of God. That "Seed" was 1/2 of a strand of DNA that contained the entirety of the Second Person of the Trinity. **ALL of Jesus** had been reduced to a microscopic string of genetic code.

Ponder that for a moment...



This is a colored transmission electron micrograph (TEM) of a single strand of DNA. A single strand of DNA is incredibly small, measuring around 2 nanometers (nm) in width, and if stretched out completely, the DNA from a single human cell would be approximately 2 meters long. During Meiosis, the DNA divides into **two halves** creating the genetic code of the sexual gametes: sperm and egg.

A typical magnification for an electron micrograph of DNA is between **3,000x and 10,000x**; this allows for clear visualization of the DNA structure while still maintaining a reasonable field of view.

There was **NOTHING** of Jesus left in Heaven! He was, in His **ENTIRETY**, in this incredibly tiny, living string of protein!

The Bible clearly states in John 1:3 that "All thing were made by Him (Jesus); and without Him nothing was made that was made!" (KJV)

The NASB renders John 1:3 thusly: "All things came into being through Him (Jesus), and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being!"

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STOP! Take a few minutes from your busy schedule to consider that Jesus left His exalted position of Glory, having ten thousand time ten thousand angels at His command to do His bidding and He gave it all up!

For WHAT?

To live in a backwater town in a primitive society under Roman oppression and to ultimately be crucified by the very people He came to redeem!! The religious leaders who had studied the scriptures all their lives looking for the promised Messiah conspired to kill the very One to Whom they had dedicated their lives to identify!

Philippians 2:5-11 reads: ***"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who, being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He HUMBLED Himself; and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. WHEREFORE God (the Father) hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name that is above every name: that at the name of JESUS every knee should bow, of things in Heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."***

Jesus willingly humbled Himself and became obedient unto death because ***His Father "loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him (Jesus) might not perish, but have Everlasting Life!"*** (John 3:16)

Three times in John chapter 3, Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be "Born Again" to have, to receive, eternal life.

Amazing, isn't it?

God became flesh and blood and dwelt among us to be tortured for the sins we committed in our lives, so if we would just trust Jesus, we would not have to suffer the wrath of God for our rebellion against Him!

Our prayers for you and yours is that the resurrected, victorious Jesus would be born again in your hearts this Christmas season.

Love in Christ Jesus,

Ralph & Patty