

# Effect of the Incarnation of God's Son

("incarnation"=in the flesh)

At this time of the year, many people think about the effect of God's Son being born:

Baby Jesus born in a manger in Bethlehem.

Shepherds in the field seeing heavenly visions announcing His birth.

Magi from the east following the star and coming to the house to worship the King.

Fulfillment of the prophecy concerning the Messiah.

The coming of the Son of God in the flesh has produced some effects that are often overlooked.

His coming was to do the will of His Father. Joh.6:38-40

Doing the Father's will brought, and continues to bring, opposition.

## EFFECT

### FAMILY DIVISIONS

Mat.10:33-37. ". . . I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. . ."

### HIS OWN PEOPLE DID NOT RECEIVE HIM

He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. Joh 1:11

Only a remnant of Jewish people followed Him. Rom.11:5-8

### RELIGIOUS LEADERS' OPPOSED HIM

Sought to destroy Him before he grew up. Mat.2:16

Attempted to discredit Him. Mat.10:25, 5:11

Tried to trap Him on numerous occasions. Mat.22:15; Mar.12:13

Sought false testimony concerning Him. Mat.26:59

Undertook to kill Him. Mat.26:3-4

Threatened those who believed in Him. Joh.9:22, 12:42-43

### SCENE SET FOR MAN'S REDEMPTION

His coming was God's gift to mankind. Joh.3:16

Salvation from sin made possible. Luk.1:77, Act.4:12, 1Jo.5:12-13

### BECOMING SONS OF GOD MADE A REALITY

"All are children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal.3:26-27, Rom.8:16

### THE COURSE OF HISTORY CHANGED

The course of history affected by His Coming. (Yet there is little mention of Him in history.)

This is done by transforming men and women, not by force or overt revolution.

### MANY AFFLICTED, PERSECUTED AND MARTYRED

Most of the Apostles suffered untimely deaths.

Proclaimers of the Way have experienced frequent opposition.

Followers of Jesus were told to expect persecution. 2Ti.3:12

The forces of evil continually battle against His followers. Eph.6:11-12