God Sent His Only Son

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John Chrysostom on the incarnation

- This day, He who is…is born; and He who is…becomes what He was not.

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- The glory of the incarnation is that it presents to our adoring gaze not a humanized God or a deified man, but a true God-man. One who is all that God is and at the same time all that man is; on whose mighty arm we can rest and to whose human sympathy we can appeal. We cannot afford to lose either the God in the man or the man in God. Our hearts cry out for the complete God-man, whom the scriptures offer us.

Thomas Watson

- Christ's taking our flesh was one of the lowest steps of his humiliation. He humbled himself more by lying in the virgin's womb than by hanging on the cross. The wonder of humility is not that a man would die, but that God became a man.

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