

**‘The Mystery of Christ’s Incarnation’
(I Timothy 3:14 - 16)**

Intro: We have been dealing with stated mysteries in the Scriptures which when we read about them, may seem confusing or a source of wonderment. Some of the mysteries we find being acknowledged were a mystery to the Old Testament folks, and undoubtedly to many of Jews living in the Apostle Paul’s day. Who know specifically what the Jews in the Old Testament or throughout their history have imagined what or who might be their long-awaited Messiah. What would He look like, from whence would He come, are undoubtedly some of their questions they might have entertained – but rest assured, they like everyone else on planet earth would have never thought it would be God Himself!

And so, we will entertain a couple more mysteries this morning:

I. The mystery of the incarnate Christ. (I Timothy 3:16.)

II. The mystery of Israel’s blindness. (Romans 11:25 – 26)

I. The mystery of the _____ Christ – I Timothy 3:16.

A. Have you ever anticipated something thinking you knew everything about that something?

1. Never try to get _____ of God thinking you have it all together because God is full of wonderful and exciting surprises.
2. What would you have anticipated having the promise that God would send a Messiah?
3. The word ‘Messiah’ only appears _____ in the Bible and both times it is in the book of **Daniel, chapter nine and verses 25 and 26.**
4. The biblical definition of ‘Messiah’ is _____. One and the Hebrew word is applied to the Messiah, also a king in Israel or a priest as being anointed to a position.
5. In the New Testament word “Christ” is translated from the Greek word [Christos], also meaning _____ and in reference to Jesus, the Son of God, He is the anointed one of God.

B. As many times as Israel had been overtaken by their enemies and dominated by them, they were looking and expecting that God was going to send a Deliver to _____ them and establish them as a nation above all other nations.

1. They were unaware of this _____ called the Church Age.
2. They couldn’t see their own _____ to be delivered from anyone but their enemies let

alone that they were sinners as were the Gentiles whom they despised and themselves needing to be saved from themselves.

3. The first Advent of Christ as a Savior was not even in their thought life, let alone it being God in the _____ – **John 1:1 – 14; Philipians 2:2 – 7; Colossians 2:8 & 9.**
 4. **Isaiah 7:14 – 16** compare with **Matthew 1:18 – 25.**
- C. One of the greatest dangers we face in getting to know God is to believe that we have Him all _____ out and with what we know, draw false conclusions.
1. God has purposefully given us the Bible so we can be _____ in what the right knowledge and understanding of God is, and His plans and purposes for the ages.
 2. **Psalm 12:1 – 8**, note the questions in some of these verses and the answers in **6-8.**
 3. The danger of the Israelites was in how they saw _____ as a righteous people having no need for a Savior, is something often shared by many through the ages. Therefore, they were looking for a conqueror and not a Savior. And they just couldn't grasp God's plan or method in coming Himself in the likeness of man with a mission,
 4. How _____ we are to be alive in this day with the complete Word of God, inspired by God, preserved by God without error. **Psalm 12:6 – 7**, “**6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**”
- D. What was and is a mystery to the Jews is not to those who know the Word God, and the genius of God only makes sense when you see His plan, then His' _____ follow.

II. There is the mystery of Israel's _____ – **Romans 11:25 26.**

- A. I believe much could be written about this topic of Israel's blindness, but we'll be brief.
1. As incredible as it may seem for Israel's leadership to have _____ the Scriptures concerning God's plan for a Savior, yet they did!
 2. Christ came to them _____ and offered the kingdom – **Matthew 15:21 – 28.**
Matthew 10:5 & 6, 23.
 3. It was because God wanted His plan of salvation to _____ through Israel to the other nations. It was always God's desire that Israel having been chosen by Him, that they would be a _____ unto the Gentiles – **Isaiah 49:1 – 6.**
 4. There is no real short answer that will do justice to this topic other than the fact they failed to be that light as do many professing Believers today.
- B. Jesus came to Israel offering them an _____ to pick-up that mantle but they refused. 1. **John 1:5 – 14.** 2. **John 19:13 – 15.**
- C. Seeing that Israel's had ample opportunity to be God's instrument to reach the World, God sent His Son, and in their rejection of Christ, the church is introduced and has become that instrument through which the World, Jews & Gentiles alike would hear the Gospel. **Romans 11:1 – 15; Acts 13:46; 14:27.**