

# Sermon Reflections

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*Rejoicing in the Incarnation* (Hebrews 10:1-10)

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**Summary:** Rejoice in the One born to die by seeing Him willingly accomplish salvation for sinners.

**Three reasons we rejoice in the incarnation:**

## 1. Jesus Ended What Could Never Save (vv. 1–4)

- Leviticus 16 is about the *Day of Atonement*—the day every year that God required atonement for all of Israel’s sin. Read Leviticus 16 and consider Hebrews 10:1–4. What was the purpose of the yearly Day of Atonement? What does God want His people in Leviticus to see?
- It is helpful to look at the broad arc of redemptive history in terms of God’s relationship with man. There is the perfect relationship in the Garden and the broken relationship in the Fall. How should we understand the bloody relationship of the Old Covenant? How is the New Covenant ‘better’?
- It impossible for man to devise a system to deal with the problem of sin. Yet, we are constantly tempted to fall back, to turn away from God’s solution to our sin. What are the Christ-less methods we use to deal with sin? What can we do to remind ourselves to turn to God’s perfect solution?

## 2. Jesus Became What Would Only Satisfy (vv. 5–7)

- Jesus knew the weight of God’s will. Yet, Jesus obediently carried out God’s plan. Read Matthew 26:36–46 and Philippians 2:1–11. What do we learn about Jesus’ character and God’s will? How is Jesus the perfect sacrifice? Why was this plan the only way?
- The incarnation is a glorious doctrine that seems incomprehensible, yet we worship God for it. What are three ways we can worship God for sending Jesus as a man to fully accomplish redemption? Who is one person (a person that you have a relationship with) that you can share this wonderful truth about the incarnation with during this Christmas season?

## 3. Jesus Secures What Cannot Be Lost (vv. 8–10)

- The New Covenant is a new kind of relationship between God and man (Jeremiah 31:31–34). How does faith work in the New Covenant? How is “faith” under the New Covenant different/same as “faith” under the Old Covenant?
- Jesus establishes the New Covenant. Verse 10 speaks toward the result of Jesus obeying God’s will. Read Hebrews 10:11–25 (especially 19–25). What does it mean that we can now “draw near”? What has changed in our relationship with God? What are the results of this new relationship and how do they affect us?