



# Contemporary Christology

Two ways of approaching Christology:

## 1. Descending Christology – (high - from above)

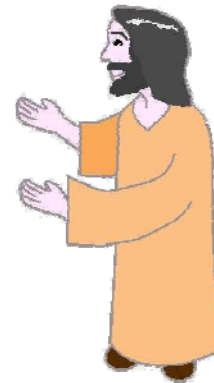
- about God becoming man
- word becoming flesh
- Divinity of Jesus

*Read Philippians 2:5-11*

## 2. Ascending Christology – (low – from below)

- Humanity of Jesus

*Read*                *Hebrews 4:14-16*  
                          *Acts 2:14-36*  
                          *Romans 1:1-4*



Descending and Ascending Christology both complement each other:

- they give a complete picture of Jesus
- He is human and has something to say to our struggles

Jesus' **Divinity** can be **understood** only by understanding His **humanity**.

- ✓ *What does Jesus mean to us?*
- ✓ *What must Jesus be if He has this significance for us?*

### HE MUST BE GOD

God decided to communicate Himself in human form for us to receive Him.

- Jesus is **fully** human and **fully** God.
- God chose Jesus before His birth
- God gives Himself as Jesus

**To be able to know Jesus, it is necessary to look at how Jesus lived/died/Resurrected.**

- ✓ *What is Jesus for us?*
- ✓ *Who was He?*

