

## **The Son Who Was Sent Forth**

**Text: Galatians 4:4,5**

### **Introduction**

Jesus is the focal point of history; all the events of the centuries preceding His coming slowly, but surely, prepared the world for His birth.

### **Message**

#### **1. The timeliness of His appearance (“the fullness of time”).**

- a. His coming was first announced in Genesis 3:15.
- b. His coming was the theme of the prophets.
- c. The hope of His coming was kept alive by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the faithful (Luke 2:25–38).

#### **2. His heavenly origin (“God sent forth his Son”).**

- a. God’s love for the world is shown in the gift of His only begotten Son.
- b. How amazing was the Son’s humility in stepping down to earth.
- c. As One “sent forth,” Jesus lived His earthly life consumed by the passion to fulfill His divine mission.

#### **3. His incarnation (“made of a woman”).**

- a. He was the only Man to enter the world without being conceived in iniquity (Psalm 51:5).
- b. The only explanation we need of the Virgin Birth is the angel’s explanation to Mary: “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee” (Luke 1:35).
- c. Only one born supernaturally could be called “Immanuel ... God with us” (Matthew 1:23).

#### **4. His identification with man (“made under the law”).**

- a. One of His favorite titles for himself was “the Son of Man.” He fully identified with man except in man’s sin.
- b. He kept perfectly the Law under which He was born, and this righteousness of His is imputed to those who accept Him as Lord and Savior.
- c. His identification with man makes Him our Mediator and High Priest.

#### **5. The result of His mission (“to redeem”).**

- a. Redemption involves a high price, and only Christ could pay it.
- b. His cry from the cross, “It is finished,” assures that nothing needs to be added to His redemptive work.
- c. “The adoption of sons” — we are God’s family through the finished work of His only begotten Son.

### **Conclusion**

Another “fullness of time” is ahead. God will send forth His Son again to erase forever the terrible effects of sin.