



Wrapped in Flesh

Set Up:

Prepare your item(s) and plan to walk through this after dinner. This should take you and your family no more than 15 minutes. If possible we recommend that you print off this document so that you are free from technology. If you must have it on your device, turn on airplane mode or do not disturb to limit distractions

Item:

Ready to play the Songs: “**This is War**” by: The Modern Post & “**The Incarnation**” by: Thomas J Terry

Scripture:

Take turns reading: **Matthew 1:21 — Ephesians 6:12 — Hebrews 2:14 — Matthew 4:1-6 & 7-11**

Read:

In the lead up to Jesus’ birth you need to know that Israel has waited 500 years to hear from God. They are desperate for freedom. A saviour to overthrow the Romans (who were terrorizing God’s people at the time) and restore peace to Israel. They were expecting a warrior to come and do something like that. NOT a baby... But a baby was just what they needed.

God was going to deliver His people from something deeper than national oppression for a few moments, (they would likely turn back anyways, just read the Old Testament) God was going to save their soul from death for eternity. You see, physical war is a result of a much more intense spiritual war. The thing that is so dangerous is we don’t even acknowledge the **Spiritual War** because we are so caught up in the physical one.

This is exactly the space that baby Jesus jumps into. He calls people to take their eyes off of ONLY the oppression of Rome and onto the greater enemy, sin.

God fought this war differently. He volunteered Himself to go into battle... No guns, no swords, no armour, no backup. He faces the enemy, naked and weak, with an underdeveloped brain, he can’t even call for help because he doesn’t know how to talk. He goes and confronts sin personally by interacting with it yet never giving into it. He even lets sin use its greatest weapon on Him, death. And once sin revealed that death was its biggest punch, He revealed that it did not come even close to overcoming the life that comes from Him.

Listen to the words of the songs and think about how God in the form of Jesus chose to fight the greater war on our behalf.

Wonder:

Think about Jesus. Share what you think what might have been if God only solved the problems on the surface? Share how Jesus coming, living, dying and living again changes the surface and everything beneath it. Wonder why God did it this way. Given the problem of sin, what would you have done if you are God?

Pray:

Thank God that He sent Jesus to show us how to live and how to die. Thank Jesus that He was willing to come to wage war on the sin we can’t overcome with out him. Ask the Holy Spirit what He wants you to do to press into Jesus as the one who has come for you.