

WHY CHRISTMAS?
A Closer Look at the Incarnation
Hebrews 2:14-18

I. JESUS CHRIST CAME TO BECOME LIKE US (14a)

II. JESUS CHRIST CAME TO DIE FOR US: thus defeating Satan and setting us free (14b-15)

A. Christ came to die (14b)

B. By Jesus' death, **He rendered the Devil** (who uses death as his tool) **powerless** (14b)

C. By Jesus' death, **He delivered us from death's reign** and its **enslaving fear** (15)

III. JESUS CAME TO HELP US: He now lives to intercede (16-18)

A. Who does Christ help? Those of faith (16)

B. His unique qualifications to come to our aid (17)

1. Having become like us in all things (17)

(i) So that He would be a truly merciful and faithful mediator (17b)

(ii) So that He would take care of our problem: SIN (17c)

2. Because He was tempted, He has the unique ability to come to our aid (18)