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**Scripture Reading and Prayer**

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* **Coronation of the Jewish King, the Son of David**
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**II. Only Begotten**

* Two things about the word “only begotten” and then look at how John uses this phrase throughout his Gospel
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* **Comparison of translations (Slide 3)**
* Two reasons for this term “monogenes”
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* 2nd – Connection to the Old Testament Messianic Prophecy of Psalm 2
	+ This became a statement of great confusion for various people throughout history – Muhammad being one of those confused by this
	+ In the Quran it says “God does not beget nor is he begotten”
	+ God did not have a sexual encounter with Mary in order to have a Son
	+ God does something miraculous in Mary’s conception of Jesus but not in some type of physical union with Mary
	+ In the same way that God spoke the physical universe into being, God’s Son, Jesus Christ entered the world purely at the will of God
	+ Just as creation is the miraculous work of God, so the conception of Jesus Christ as being fully human and fully divine is the miraculous work of God
	+ **Psalm 2:6-7 (Slide 5)**
	+ Paul refers to Psalm 2:7 in his sermon in Acts 13 at a Jewish Synagogue
	+ Hebrews 11:17 – Isaac is the “only begotten” son of Abraham, meaning Isaac is uniquely the child of promise
	+ The coronation of Isaac as the child of promise
	+ That fact that God used this means, the miraculous conception of Jesus Christ, to enter the world does not answer the question of why
* Why? Why does God the Son take on a human body and live here?
* If we trace these four moments in which John uses the word “only begotten” maybe we will get a sense of why God has done this

**III. Glory as of the only begotten from the Father**

* **John 1:14 (Slide 6)**
* Glory as a uniquely divine attribute
* John is making the case the Jesus Christ bears all of the attributes of God
* **Colossians 2:9 (Slide 7)**

**IV. Revelation of God’s nature**

* **John 1:18 (Slide 8)**
* John 1:18, “the only begotten…He has explained Him” – only the Son of God bears all the attributes of His Father
* **Hebrews 1:1-3 (Slide 9)**
* Only in the Son can we truly see and understand the nature of God
* Why? Because we are in spiritual darkness and cannot see God without God’s supernatural work of revealing Himself to us

**V. Gift of God to the world**

* John is making the case the Jesus Christ bears all of the attributes of God
* **John 3:16 (Slide 10)**
* John 3:16, belief in the “only begotten” Son of God brings the gift of salvation
* Remember what Jesus said to the woman at the well, “If you knew the gift of God…”
* Only in the Son can we be brought into the family of God
* Why? Because we are in a state of spiritual death and need to be rescued from our sinful condition and brought into a relationship with God

**VI. Judgment of God over the world**

* John is making the case the Jesus Christ bears all of the attributes of God
* **John 3:18 (Slide 11)**
* **Psalm 2:11-12 (Slide 12)**
* **Matthew 25:31-46 (Slide 13)**
* Only the Son of God can judge the world
* Why? Because only the Son of God lived a perfect life, died in our place, and rose again from the dead thus possessing the right to hold us accountable

**VII. Conclusion**

* Jesus Christ is the unique Son of God, the “only begotten” from the Father
* 1. He became a human, making the glory of God visible
* 2. He became a human, allowing us to understand what God is like
* 3. He became a human as a gift from God to us for salvation
* 4. He became a human, functioning as the standard by which we will be judged for any that reject this great gift

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