

Fact of FAITH

The Mystery of the Incarnation: Model of Evangelization



Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God, conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit, became man—a particular man in space and time and within a specific culture. In the mystery of his incarnation, Jesus Christ is the human face of God and the divine face of humanity.¹ The incarnation of the only Son of God is the original inculturation of God's word.

The mystery of the incarnation is also the model of all evangelization by the Church. Every culture needs to be transformed by Gospel values because the Gospel always demands a conversion of attitudes and practices wherever it is preached. Cultures must often be purified and restored in Christ.

1 Cf. *Ecclesia in America*, no. 67.