



*Incarnation and Evolutionary Biology:  
A Case Study in Christology and Science*

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Can educated Christians still plausibly affirm the doctrine of the "Incarnation" of God's Word in the man Jesus of Nazareth? Today, sciences such as evolutionary biology, genetics, and neuroscience challenge many of the assumptions that undergird traditional formulations of this doctrine, as well as closely related concepts such as "the fall" and the "virgin birth." How can we understand "the Word became flesh" in this context? In a lecture based on his forthcoming book, *Christology and Science*, Shults explores the possibility that these developments provide an opportunity for reconstructing the doctrine of the Incarnation. Attending to philosophical categories and the interest in human "knowing" shared by both theologians and evolutionary biologists, he proposes that although we have to give up particular formulations of the doctrine, a differentiated concept of the "identity" of Jesus Christ enables us to conserve the intuitions of the biblical tradition precisely by liberating them for dialogue with contemporary science.

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