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What are some false views in regard to the incarnation?

At least five unscriptural views have been propagated concerning the incarnation.

- **The position of the Gnostics**

They denied the reality of Jesus' human nature and a physical incarnation. He thus was like a heavenly ghost, having only the appearance of flesh and bone.

- **The position of the Ebionites**

They denied the reality of Jesus' divine nature, claiming that Jesus so faithfully kept the Mosaic Law that God chose Him to be the Messiah.

- **The position of the Arians**

They held that Jesus was indeed in existence before Bethlehem as the firstborn of all creation, but not as God. In the incarnation Jesus entered a human body taking the place of the human spirit. Thus, Jesus was neither fully God nor fully man.

- **The position of the Nestorians**

They believed two persons indwelt the body of Christ, the human person and the divine person. Thus Jesus would have been a first century Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde!

- **The position of the Eutychians**

They held an opposite view to the Nestorians, claiming that both natures (the human and the divine) mingled or fused together to create a third and totally different nature from the original two natures.