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Who Is Jesus?
Part 3: Jesus Is God
Luke 1:26-35; Colossians 1:15-20
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

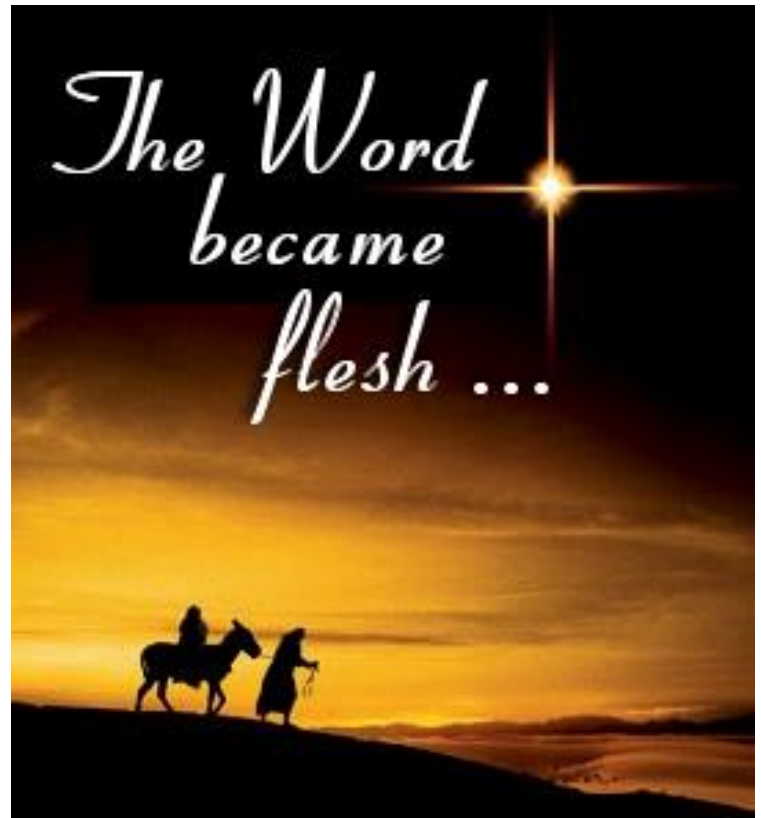
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week in our series “who is Jesus?” we will be talking about the deity of Jesus Christ. During Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, seeing His humanity. However, one of the most remarkable things about Christmas is the fact that the baby Jesus is fully God. God willingly came to earth as an infant. The Creator became a man and lived among His creation. This week we will discuss why it is so important for Christians to understand that Jesus is both fully man and fully God.

AND HIS NAME
WILL BE CALLED
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,
MIGHTY GOD,
EVERLASTING FATHER,
PRINCE OF
PEACE.
ISAIAH 9:6

Read Luke 1:26-35; Colossians 1:15-20 (NET)

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled by his words and began to wonder about the meaning of this greeting. ³⁰ So the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God!" ³¹ Listen: You will become pregnant and give

birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?" ³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God.

Colossians 1:15-20 (NET)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, ¹⁶ for all things in heaven and on earth were created in him—all things, whether visible or invisible, whether thrones or dominions, whether principalities or powers—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things and all things are held together in him. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church, as

well as the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he himself may become first in all things. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in the Son ²⁰ and through him to reconcile all things to himself by making peace through the blood of his cross—through him, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passages.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why do you think the angel told Mary not to be afraid?

9. Why is Jesus to be called “Son of the Most High”?

10. When Jesus reigns, how long will His Kingdom last? In what verse is this answer found?

11. Can a man reign over a Kingdom that never ends?

12. According to the passage in Colossians who created the Heavens and the Earth?

13. According to Colossians 1:17, does Jesus have a beginning?

14. According to Colossians 1:19, is there any part of God that Jesus is lacking?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

15. Why is it important for Christians to see Jesus as fully God?

16. Jesus sacrificed himself for the sins of the world, offering the righteousness of God to all who believe. Would His sacrifice be sufficient if He is not fully God? Why?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES