

THE STORY



THE BIRTH OF THE KING

John 1:1-17 & Luke 1:26-2:52

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John 1:1-3, 9

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To the **Jews**, the Word (*logos*) is God himself who spoke all things into being.

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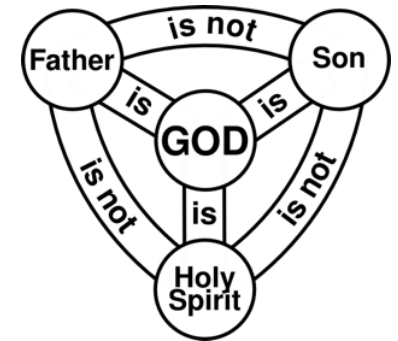
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The "*Word becoming flesh*" means that the Creator God has stepped into creation and become human.

TOO COMMON TO BE KING?

Don't miss Christ in the _____.

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

John 1:12

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Sermon on September 18, 2022

Chapter 22 – The Birth of the King

Getting to Know Me

1. What is one of the favorite presents you've received?
What is one of the favorite presents you've given?

Digging Deeper

2. We begin studying the New Testament this week. "New Testament" means "New Agreement" between God and mankind. What are you hoping to learn as we study this new agreement/covenant together?
3. What in Phil's message struck out to you?
4. Read Genesis 1:1 together. Then read John 1:1-3 together. Why do you think John begins his gospel with the story of creation? Do you think of creation differently when you see Jesus' role in it? What was Jesus' role in creation?
5. There has been 400 years of silence from God to His people. Now, God sends the "Word." Why do you think Jesus is called the Word? How does that title affect the way you think about Jesus?

6. Read John 1:14, 16-17. What is the significance of Jesus being full of both *grace* and *truth*? How can you live out both grace and truth in our world today?

7. The Immortal, Eternal, All-knowing, Perfect God became human to redeem humans. What did Jesus give up to come to earth as a baby?

8. Read Revelations 3:20 together. Is Jesus knocking on your heart?

Where Do I Go from Here?

9. We see in John 1:1-5 how God spoke into the silence and brought light into the darkness.
 - What do you need to hear from God today? Where in our world or in your life does it feel as if God were silent?
 - Do you have areas of darkness in your life where you need Jesus to shine? How can your Growth Group help and support you?
10. Read Luke 2:52. If Jesus needed to grow, we as Jesus followers need to grow. What are you doing to grow in wisdom and favor with God and others?

Prayer

Thank God for the gift of the Word becoming flesh, for the Light that shines in our darkness.

"We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."

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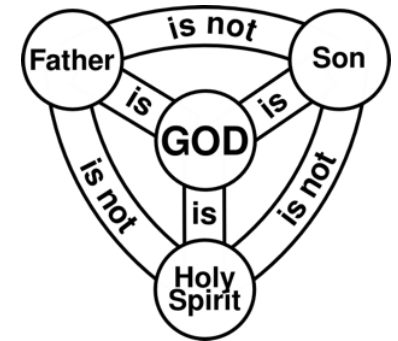
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