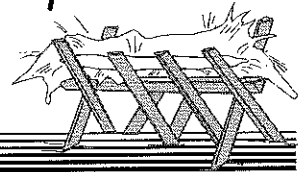


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The Infant from Bethlehem

What to Do if He is Really God

part 1



Colossians 1:15a

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (NIV)

1. Unreservedly _____

2. Intently _____

3. Consistently _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read Isaiah 9:6 as though you were reading it in 740 BC. What ideas and images might this verse stir up in your mind had you pondered it hundreds of years prior to the birth of Jesus?

The fact that God appeared on scene in his own creation, in a human form, is an astounding, mind-boggling, and amazing truth. Unfortunately, with time and familiarity we can fail to see its grandeur. In what ways has this truth become "common" and "underwhelming" in your own thinking?

Slowly and carefully read Philippians 2:6-8 three times. How did that simple exercise help to restore your perspective on this remarkable truth?

2. Revelation 5 describes a scene in heaven where the inhabitants properly recognize Jesus for who he is. Read the lyrics of their songs in Revelation 5:12-13. Write out a statement of worship that fulfills the desire of their song. In other words they say that Jesus, the Lamb, is worthy to receive "honor and glory and praise," therefore, write out a statement in your own words that specifically directs words of honor, glory and praise to him.

3. Continually reading the "biographies" of Jesus can help keep your mind focused on him. A great tool to read his life chronologically is *NIV Harmony of the Gospels* edited by Robert L. Thomas (Harper and Row, 1988). What are some other ways you can focus your attention on the life of Jesus?

4. Describe two challenging situations or problems you are currently facing.

How would Jesus respond in each of these?

PCC is reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Ezk. 41-43 & Philemon

Monday

Ezk. 44-46 & Heb. 1-3

Tuesday

Ezk. 47-48 & Heb. 4-5

Wednesday

Dan. 1-3 & Heb. 6-7

Thursday

Dan. 4-6 & Heb. 8-9

Friday

Dan. 7-9 & Heb. 10-11

Saturday

Dan. 10-12 & Heb. 12-13