

THE MYSTERY

*A Christmas Series
with Rcc*

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JESUS 2 IN 1

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Jesus was human. Jesus was God.

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Could Jesus have sinned?

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Text

2natures

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Christmas is the celebration of God choosing to come to earth to become a human being in order to offer salvation to all.

We call this “incarnation”, God becoming a human being while always being God. This truth is an awe-inspiring mystery that is absolutely essential to our faith.

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- **Jesus is a human**

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- **Jesus is a human**
 - **Born**

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- **Jesus is a human**
 - Born
 - **Nursed**

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- **Jesus is a human**

- Born
- Nursed
- **Cried**

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- **Jesus is a human**
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 - **Slept**

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- Jesus is a human
- **Jesus was, is, and will always be God**

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- **Jesus was, is, and will always be God**
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Hebrews 4:15

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

James 1:13

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

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 - **Humans sinned**

Hebrews 2:14-17

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

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- **To be our example**

1 Peter 2:21-23

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

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- **To sympathize and intercede for us**

Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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- To live a sinless life for us
- **To be the sacrifice for our sin**
 - **Only God could cover cost of everyone's sin**

John 1:1

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

John 14:9

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

1 Timothy 2:5-6

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Why is Jesus' birth, His incarnation, such a big deal?

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The uniting of Jesus' divinity and humanity is essential for Him to be our Savior, so that we might be saved, redeemed, forgiven, declared righteous, adopted as children of God, given eternal life.

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- **Enjoy every Christmas celebration**