

Getting Started

1. What is your favorite part of Advent/Christmas?
2. How did this sermon impact your understanding of the Trinity?
3. The birth of Jesus is one of many miracles we read about in the Bible. What is your favorite miracle in the Bible? Explain.
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 36:

Q. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

A. He is our mediator¹ and, in God's sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.²

¹ 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 9:13-15 ² Rom. 8:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 4:4-5; 1 Pet. 1:18-19

How are we conceived in sinfulness?

6. Matthew is quoting Isaiah 7:14 when he writes "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel'" (which means, God with us). What does it mean to you that God became a human being?
7. Matthew uses many Old Testament references to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of those prophecies (2:6, 15, 18, 23, etc.). How does this aid in your understanding of Jesus as Messiah?
8. Read 2 Timothy 3:16, 17. In John 10:35, Jesus says Scripture cannot be broken. What do you believe regarding the infallibility of Scripture?

Application

9. Christmas so easily becomes a holiday that is about family, presents and busyness at the expense of the reason we should be celebrating: our Savior has come. Take time each day this week to thank God for sending his Son into the world as a baby.

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I Believe...

“He Shall Be Called Immanuel”

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18

I believe...

- **Jesus _____ is the _____, natural _____ of God.**
- **Through the working of the _____, _____ was _____ of the virgin Mary.**
- **Jesus Christ is the perfect _____: fully _____ and fully _____.**

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