

## The Classic Christmas Story: Week 1 (Luke 1:26-38)

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### 1. Jesus the Son of the Most High God.

**Luke 1:31-33 (ESV)** <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

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*Jesus is GREAT and this is NOT qualified; He is divinity! (Col. 2:9)*

**John 1:14 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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**John 10:27-33 (ESV)** <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.” <sup>31</sup> The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” <sup>33</sup> The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”

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### 2. The Son of God is Holy.

**Luke 1:34-35 (ESV)** <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “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 called holy—the Son of God.

*The holiness of God is seen in His incarnation. Jesus is born, not by the will of man, but God.*

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- **Holy Spirit is present at generation:**
  - Genesis 1:2 – Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters in creation.

- **Holy Spirit is present at the incarnation:**
  - Luke 1:35- Holy Spirit comes upon Mary for the virgin birth.
  - Mark 1:10- Holy Spirit descended upon Christ at His baptism.
- **Holy Spirit is present at regeneration:**
  - John 3:8- Holy Spirit regenerates mankind.
  - Acts 11:6- The Holy Spirit baptizes believers.
  - Eph. 5:18- The Holy Spirit fills believers.
  - Eph. 1:13- The Holy Spirit seals our salvation.

**What truth has our LORD spoken into our lives?**

**John 3:1-4 (ESV)** *Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

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**How have we responded to God’s declaration?**

**John 3:4 (ESV)** <sup>4</sup> *Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”*

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**How has the LORD replied to our response?**

**John 3:5-8 (ESV)** <sup>5</sup> *Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

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*Incarnation: Receiving the presence of Christ into our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Application: Follow up questions.**

- What command was Mary given regarding the Son of God? What is the significance of this?
- Luke 1:31-35 reveals the Godhead. How do we see the divinity of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- How do both Mary and Nicodemus respond to the supernatural promise of God?
- How does God respond to both Mary and Nicodemus? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in God’s reply to their response? What might this look like in our own lives?
- How would you define the purpose of the incarnation? How would you define it in your own life?
- What supernatural promise (s) has God made in our lives? How can we respond to them?

**Action:**

- Create some clear action steps to living a Spirit filled and directed life.
- Plan a way to be incarnational this Christmas Season. Create a way to allow the power of the Holy Spirit to move through your time, talent and treasure and communicate the Advent message!