

Christmas Series
The Greatest Miracle of All Time
For the Week of December 10, 2023

Reflection

1. What were some of the takeaways, for you, from Sunday's sermon?

2. Were there questions, comments, concerns...?

Jesus was not only a godly man, but the Bible says He was actually God in human flesh. This is a profound truth, and it sets Jesus apart from every other religious leader who's ever lived.

Let me explain. On one hand, the Bible makes it clear that Jesus was fully human. He was born as a baby, grew up as a child, and worked during much of His adult life as a carpenter. Like any other person, He got hungry and thirsty and tired; He also felt joy and sorrow and pain. In addition, He also knew what it was to endure temptation. The Bible says He "has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

But the Bible also tells us that Jesus was fully God! This is a profound mystery we'll never fully understand this side of heaven, but when Jesus was born, God Himself came to live among us. Jesus was God in human flesh! The Bible says, "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him" (Colossians 1:19).

Why is this important? The reason is because only a divine Savior could save us from our sins—and He did, by becoming the final and complete sacrifice for our sins through His death on the cross. And by His resurrection He proved that He was indeed who He claimed to be: God in human flesh. Don't turn your back on Him, but by faith welcome Him into your heart and life today.

-Billy Graham

3. How did New Testament writers attribute deity to Jesus?

John 1:1-3

Col. 1:15-17

Heb 1:1-3

4. **How do these verses show claim to deity by Christ?**

John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7-11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1

5. **Why is the title "I AM" the title of deity?** (See also Exodus 3:14)

6. **What divine title is given to Christ in these verses?**

Matt. 16:13

Mark 2:8-10; 5:7; 14:61-64

John 5:18; 11:4

Acts 13:33

Romans 1:4

7. **How do these verses speak of the attributes of deity in Jesus?**

Matt. 8:26-27; 14:19

Mark 2:5-12

John 1:1-5; 2:1-11; John 8:57-58, 10:17-18

Phil 2:9-11

Rev 19:10, 22:13

8. Why is it important for believers to understand that Jesus was fully God?

The New Testament, in hundreds of explicit verses that call Jesus “God” and “Lord” and use a number of other titles of deity to refer to him and in many passages that attribute actions or words to him that could only be true of God, affirms again and again the full, absolute deity of Jesus Christ. “In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell” (Col. 1:19), and “In him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Col. 2:9). In an earlier section we argued that Jesus is truly and fully man. Now we conclude that he is truly and fully God as well. His name is rightly called “Immanuel,” that is, “God with us” (Matt. 1:23).

-Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology