



The Way in a Manger - Part 1

Human beings often confuse personal certainty with objective “rightness.” But the ancient scriptures tell us that there can be a big gap between the paths we choose in this world, and what’s most beneficial to us. We can’t get to where we want to be until we recognize where we actually are. In the person of Jesus Christ, God provides us with a mirror that not only shows us where we are, but embodies the way we were created to live.

Getting Started

1. When was the last time you lost your way on the way somewhere? How long did it take to get back on track?

What About You?

2. Have you ever seen someone who was simultaneously confident and clueless? Have you experienced this yourself?
3. How do you tend to respond when somebody recommends you “turn around?” Can you think of a time when somebody cared enough to do this?
4. Do you agree or disagree with the idea that human beings are inherently “followers?” Or is there such a thing as a truly independent person, blazing their own singular path through the world?

Look It Up

Proverbs 14:12, John 1:1, 14: 5–6, Luke 2:1

5. What do you think Solomon means by, “the way of death?” What does this strange, morbid phrase bring to mind for you?
6. How does it change your understanding to recognize that “the way” is not some particular path you have to find, but a person to follow, to know, and to enjoy?
7. What would the “Word” have meant to John’s original audience? Why would it be significant that this logos came and lived among human beings?



Putting It All Together

8. Are you facing any “dead ends” right now? What needs to happen in order for you to repent and turn around?
9. Do you feel at peace with yourself and with God right now? What practices in your life are threatening this peace? Which are promoting it?
10. Can you think of any “fixes” you are implementing into your life right now that might actually make things worse? Would you commit to trading your own fixes? How can you do this in your prayers this week?

