



Sermon Title: Unwrapped week 1
Sermon Title: The One We Worship
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Luke 2:4-20

At the forefront of our minds and attitudes should be who Jesus is and what He did for us. **Hebrews 12:28**

Big Idea: Worship Jesus with awe and wonder

We will see three reasons why Jesus' birth should cause us to worship Him with awe and wonder.

Reason 1: JESUS IS GOD IN THE FLESH

In **John 8:58**, Jesus professed to be God. Consider that - Jesus left His all-powerful position in Heaven to come to earth to be born as a baby. It's interesting to consider that the little baby lying in the manger was God, who created the world and continued to sustain everything. **Colossians 1:16-17**

Jesus has two natures. One nature is 100% God, and one nature is 100% human. Jesus' two natures are united in one person. Even as a newborn infant, He maintained His unlimited power to create and hold all creation together.

700 years before Jesus' birth, the prophet Isaiah was given a vision of Jesus in His throne room in Heaven **John 12:41**. Isaiah describes what he saw. **Isaiah 6:1-4**. Isaiah saw Christ in Heaven as the Kings of Kings, Lords of Lords, the Royal King of the universe, and the Creator of all that exists. He saw Christ being worshipped by flying creatures called seraphim.

When Isaiah saw Jesus in His throne room, he saw the magnificence of Jesus' glory that Jesus veiled in His earthly body. Jesus is God, and as such, He is to be worshiped. **Psalms 150:6**

Reason 2: JESUS SET ASIDE HIS PRIVILEGES FOR YOUR SALVATION

Jesus temporarily set aside some of His divine privileges (**Philippians 2:7**). Jesus chose at different times to limit the use of His divine qualities while

He lived on earth. He voluntarily accepted the limitations of being a human being.

The first privilege He chose to set aside was His glory. His status, the praise, the worship, the adoration that He received in Heaven – He chose for a season to veil His glory and trade it for the muck and mire of this world.

Jesus chose to set aside His boundless freedom. When Jesus came to earth to be born as a human, He took on all the characteristics and limitations of being human. Jesus became human. [John 1:1](#), [John 1:14a](#)

Since Jesus was fully human- He experienced the limitations of having a human body. In his physical body, Jesus experienced being born, He grew, He grew tired, and He experienced hunger and thirst. *Think about that- the Bread of Life became hungry- the one who gives living water became thirsty. He became physically weak. He bled, and he died. All things that Jesus never experienced in Heaven in eternity past.*

Jesus also had a human mind. Jesus never stopped being God; therefore, He is all-knowing. However, He chose to limit his knowledge at different times when He was on earth. [Luke 2:52](#), [Mark 13:32](#)

Reason 3: JESUS MET YOUR GREATEST NEED

The greatest need for any person is to be in a right relationship with God, but on our own, that is impossible. [Romans 5:12](#), [Romans 3:23](#), [Romans 6:23a](#), [Romans 3:10b](#)

God foresaw this problem before the world was even created, and He established a plan that would give us the opportunity to be made right with Him. [1 Peter 1:20](#)

Jesus knew your greatest need is to have a savior. Because without one, we would all experience God's wrath. Simply said, apart from Jesus, you are going to spend eternity in hell. That's exactly why Jesus came to earth. He willingly died on the cross, taking the wrath you deserve – all that to allow you to be forgiven of your sins. [Romans 5:19](#), [John 3:36](#)

Worship Jesus with awe and wonder because of the sacrifice that He made on your behalf so that you can have a future of hope.

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **Why was it necessary for Jesus to veil His divine attributes while on earth?**
- **How often should a Christian discuss and present the gospel to a person resistant to the message?**
- **What steps can Christians take to have Jesus remain their primary focus during the Christmas season?**
- **Do you view worshiping Jesus as different than worshiping God the Father? Explain**
- **How would you explain to a nonbeliever their need for a savior?**