

“Behold the Lamb of God: The Christmas Story According to John’s Gospel

Trust the Lamb, For He Is Your Substitute!

John 1:9–13

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The Lord’s Day Morning

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Review From Last Week

1. Three deadly departures from the truth about the baby in Bethlehem:

1. Jesus is fully God, but not man.	<i>Docetism, Hinduism, Modalism</i>
2. Jesus is fully man, but not God.	<i>Judaism, Islam, Deism, Unitarianism, Atheism, Liberalism</i>
3. Jesus is semi-God and semi-man.	<i>Arianism, Buddhism, Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witness</i>

2. What the Gospel of John clearly declares: Jesus is fully God *and* fully man.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,

and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate

he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory to judge both the living and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

Who spoke by the prophets...Amen.

[Excerpt from The Nicene Creed, in *Trinity Hymnal*]

John 1:9–13: *Trust the Lamb, For He Is Your Substitute*

1. Jesus _____ into the world he made (9).
2. Jesus _____ rejection from the world he loves (10–11).
3. Jesus _____ everyone in the world who believes in him (12–13).