

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

Worship the Lamb, For He Is God!

John 1:1–8

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The Lord’s Day Morning

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

1. Jesus is fully God, but not man (*Docetism, Modalism*).
2. Jesus is fully man, but not God (*Judaism, Islam, Deism, Unitarianism, Atheism, Liberalism*).
3. Jesus is semi-God and semi-man (*Adoptionism, Arianism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witness*).

What John 1:1–8 (90 AD): The baby in Bethlehem is fully God and fully man.

1. Jesus is _____ with the Father. There was never a time when Jesus was not.
2. Jesus is _____ with the Father. There is no attribute of God Jesus does not have.
3. Jesus is _____ with the Father: Jesus is not *similar* to God, but the *same*.

The Nicene Creed (325 AD): The baby in Bethlehem is fully God and fully man.

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*]