

“Behold the Lamb of God: The Christmas Story According to John’s Gospel
Love the Lamb, For He Is Your Mediator!

John 1:14–18
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For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus...
–1 Timothy 2:5

What John’s Christmas Story Teaches Us About the Baby in the Manger

1. Jesus is the creator of all things, fully God and fully man (1:1–8).
2. Jesus is the substitute whose death makes a way for us to become children of God (1:9–13).
3. Jesus is the mediator who is one person with two natures, divine and human (1:14–18).

“The Word:” Divine Nature	“Became Flesh:” Human Nature
Omnipotent: Can do all things (Heb. 1:3)	Weak and fragile (Jn. 4:6)
Omniscient: Knows all things (Jn.2:24–25)	Learns new things (Lk. 2:52; Mt. 24:36)
Omnipresent: Present everywhere (Mt. 18:20)	Limited by time and space (Jn. 11:21)
Never sleeps (Ps. 121:4; Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:17)	Needs sleep (Mt. 8:24)
Cannot be tempted (Jas. 1:13)	Can be tempted (Heb. 2:18; 4:15)
Needs no food or created things (Acts 17:25)	Needs food and created things (Mt. 4:2)
Unable to suffer and die (Jn. 2:19; 10:17,18)	Able to suffer and die (Jn. 19:30)

Jesus, the only qualified mediator, came at Christmas to do four things:

1. Speak the _____ of God. Only he will tell you the whole truth (8:46).
2. Keep the _____ of God. Only he obeys with perfection (7:19).
3. Display the _____ of God. Only he can die in your place (17:5).
4. Give the _____ of God: Only he can give you faith and forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:9–2:2).