

Jesus, the Son of God

Scripture Reading — Matthew 3

*A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."
Matthew 3:17 —*

Mary was a poor young woman, engaged to be married to a poor man, living in the impoverished city of Nazareth. One day, the angel Gabriel announced to her that she would be the Savior's mother. The Holy Spirit would descend upon her, and Mary would be the mother of the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38).

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ. But Jesus did not stop being God to become a human being. That baby born in Bethlehem and placed in a humble manger full of straw was the Son of the Most High.

Jesus is the Son of God because he is one with the Father. Whoever knows and loves Jesus knows and loves the Father, because Jesus is the expressed image of God.

But Jesus is also Mary's Son. The "becoming flesh" (incarnation) of the Son of God is a glorious mystery. He who cannot be contained by the confines of the heavens emptied himself and became a baby wrapped in cloths and lovingly placed in a manger.

Why this amazing gift at Christmas? Jesus, the God-Man, came to build a bridge between heaven and earth. Jesus is the mediator between God and his fallen creation.

He's also the bridge between God and you. Do you know this Jesus?

Prayer

Dear God, as Christmas nears, I confess my belief in Jesus Christ, your only Son. I believe that Jesus is the only way I can come to you. In his name I pray. Amen.

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