



Week Five: The Star is Born

Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to his own town to register. ⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Part One: Who Is Jesus?

1. The world has always sought to _____ Jesus down to size.

Colossians 2:9

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

- Keeping Jesus as an _____ keeps our problems _____.

2. The world has always desired to strip Jesus of his _____.

- Muslims view Jesus as a great _____.
- Jews view Jesus as a great _____.
- Hindus have come to revere Jesus as a self-realized _____ who reached the highest level of "God-consciousness."
- Buddhists see him as a perfectly enlightened _____ who is full of _____ and helps others.

3. The world has sought to make Jesus a _____ man; Christmas reveals Jesus as the _____ man.

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- Christ had an earthly _____ and is an eternal _____.
- As a child he was born to _____ with us; as a Son he was given to _____ for us.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- Jesus was born in _____ but given in _____.

"The great mystery of the manger is that God could translate deity into humanity without discarding the deity or distorting the humanity."

Part Two: What Do I Do with Jesus?

1. Commit to the Christmas _____.

- What value would you place on _____?
- What value would Christ place on your _____?

2. Decide if Christ will have your _____ or your _____.

- The greatest mistake of Christmas is keeping Christ in the _____ and not the _____.
- The problem with the inn keeper was not _____, it was a _____.