

A Savior Who Identifies With Us

Scripture: **John 1:1-18**

Series: **Advent 2016: Comfort & Joy**

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Overview

While it isn't bad to embrace the more superficial aspects of Christmas, **we must go beyond the sentimentality and embrace the sovereign Savior of Christmas.** We must get over "baby Jesus" and focus our attention on Christ's sovereignty, incarnation, and saving act. It's only when we see this exalted view of Jesus that we'll experience true awe and amazement.

Corroborating Texts

Colossians 1:16-17, John 3:30, Philippians 2:5-8, Ephesians 2:1-6

Discussion Questions

1. Whether it be superficial or spiritual, on which aspects of Christmas do you tend to focus? What about these are so appealing?
2. John starts his gospel much differently than Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Why do you think John starts with this exalted description of Jesus right away? How does this reflect the overall purpose of his letter?
3. Culturally, there seems to be a greater comfort with "baby Jesus" than other aspects of Christianity. Why do you think that is? Can you relate to that same feeling?
4. For us as Christians, what's the danger in "staying at "baby Jesus" and not going deeper? What do we miss out on if we don't go beyond that?
5. John the Baptist clearly knew his place in relation to Jesus, as evidenced by John 1:15 & 3:30. What does your life look like when you're forgetting your place in relation to Jesus? How do we get to the point where we can say with John the Baptist, "He must increase, I must decrease?"
6. While we don't want to de-emphasize the deity of Christ, Jesus coming in the form of a baby is still significant. Why would God choose to bring his Son into the world this way? What does this show us about God's love?