

5. How can we grow in servanthood?

6. How does Jesus being led and empowered by the Holy Spirit inspire you to live that kind of life?

7. What habits help us remember that everything we do matters to God?

**Beyond the Manger - Part 4**

"100% God, 100% Human"

John 1:1-5,14

Christmas can be the beginning of a great journey this winter by looking beyond the manger to the Christ of Christmas, the Light- and Life-giver who overcomes the \_\_\_\_\_.

**6 Attributes of Christ that Overcome the Darkness (Part 2)**

1. Christ is the **ΛΌΓΌΣ**. (= Logos = "the Word").
2. Christ is pre-existent.  
Your good and glorious infinite future impacts your finite now.
3. Christ is God incarnate.
  - You can see God in a new, glorious light. God is Christlike.
  - You can know God suffers with you when you suffer.
  - You can know who you actually are, were made to be, are becoming, and will be once again.
4. Christ is 100% God and 100% \_\_\_\_\_.  
"Christ added to himself which he was not, he did not lose what he was." (Augustine)  
  
The world's fastest sprinter \_\_\_\_\_

The baby in the manger is 100% human, so he needs his diaper's changed and his mother's milk, and he will need to learn to talk and \_\_\_\_\_. At the same time, he is God.

He has voluntarily set aside and restricted the use of his divine powers and knowledge and the display of his full \_\_\_\_\_.

God becomes the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Because Jesus became fully a man while remaining fully God...**

- Choose humble \_\_\_\_\_.

John 13: <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Luke 22: <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Mark 9: <sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

When the God who made us in his image becomes the image of God, what he does models the way to authenticity and human \_\_\_\_\_.

- Lead a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Luke 4: <sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

- Live like your everyday life really \_\_\_\_\_ (because it does).

In quarantine or out, in sickness or in health, in loneliness or community, in financial hardship or prosperity this winter, wake up each day knowing that even in the most mundane things you will do, everything you do \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions**

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Philippians 2:1-11. How does the deity and humanity of Christ relate to what seems to be an issue in Philippi?
3. How would you explain the hypostatic union to an educated 13-year-old?
4. What negative implications might it have on your daily life if, when you think of Jesus here on earth, you think of him as less than fully human or less than fully God?