

GOD CAME TO US

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BIG IDEA: What was happening in the Nativity? And, why did God come to us?

John 1:1-5, 9-18

1. In Jesus, GOD, THE CREATOR, reveals Himself... through the Son! God is now fully and finally known!

“No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.” **John 1:18**

2. In Jesus, GOD, THE LIGHT comes into our darkness, and overwhelms it!

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned... for unto us a child is born.” **Isaiah 9:2, 6**

“Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.” **John 3:19**

“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.” **John 1:4-5, 9**

3. In Jesus, GOD, IN PERSON, came near to us!

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” **John 1:14**

4. GOD, IN PERSON, THE CREATOR, THE LIGHT, reveals himself and calls us to... recognize Him, believe Him, receive Him.

“He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.” **John 1:10-13**