

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Looking at the passage from John 1; Who is the Word? List what you learn about him? What is the Word's relationship to God? To the world?
2. How do you understand John's statement that "in him was life"?
3. Looking at the passage from Luke 2; what is the significance of the Glory of the Lord being seen with the angel of the Lord?
4. What are the key points in the message of the angel to the shepherds? Why does it matter that Jesus was born in the "city of David"? What does it mean that Jesus is "Christ the Lord"?
5. Looking at John 14; how does Jesus describe himself? What does he mean?
6. How does the passage inform your understanding of the relationship between Jesus and the Father?
7. Looking at the passage from Colossians; how does Paul describe the relationship of Jesus to the Father? What does he mean? How does Paul describe Jesus' relationship to creation? to the church?
8. Looking at the passage from Hebrews; how does the author describe Jesus' relationship to God? What does he mean? How does he describe Jesus' relationship to creation?
9. What did Jesus do before "he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high"?
10. Spend a few minutes summarising what you have learned about Jesus, his relationship to God, to the church and to creation.

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# An Advent Study in Three Parts

## Part Three "Jesus Christ, Emmanuel"

*The final Advent candle reminds us of Jesus Christ himself; the Son of God, the Light of the World, God with us - our Only Saviour.*

#### **JOHN 1:1-4**

- 1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
- 2 *He was in the beginning with God.*
- 3 *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*
- 4 *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

#### **LUKE 2:8-11**

- 8 *And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*
- 9 *And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.*
- 10 *And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*
- 11 *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.*

#### **JOHN 14:1-14**

- 6 *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*
- 7 *If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*
- 8 *Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."*
- 9 *Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*

- 10 *Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.*
- 11 *Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.*

#### **COLOSSIANS 1:15-20**

- 15 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*
- 16 *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*
- 17 *And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*
- 18 *And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*
- 19 *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*
- 20 *and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

#### **HEBREWS 1:1-4**

- 1 *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,*
- 2 *but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.*
- 3 *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*
- 4 *having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*