

GIFTS FIT for a KING

Frankincense - John 1:1-3 Message Reflection Guide

Before I came to faith in Jesus, I'd heard the gospel preached but wrestled with His identity. How could He offer forgiveness for my sins when the Bible says only God can forgive sins? I discovered I wasn't alone in my struggles after reading J. I. Packer's *Knowing God*. Packer suggests that for many unbelievers the "really staggering Christian claim is that Jesus of Nazareth was God made man . . . as truly and fully divine as He was human." Yet this is the truth that makes salvation possible.

When the apostle Paul refers to Christ as "the image of the invisible God," he's saying Jesus is completely and perfectly God—Creator and Sustainer of all things in heaven and earth—but also fully human (Colossians 1:15-17). Because of this truth, we can be confident that through Christ's death and resurrection, He's not only carried the consequences for our sins but has also redeemed human nature, so that we—and all of creation—can be reconciled to God (vv. 20-22).

In an amazing, initiating act of love, God the Father reveals Himself in and through Scripture by the power of God the Holy Spirit and through the life of God the Son. Those who believe in Jesus are saved because He is Emmanuel—God with us. Hallelujah! - **Xochitl Dixon**

CONVERSATION STARTER

What character would you have liked to be at the Nativity scene and why?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES - Read John 1:1-3

On Sunday Pastor Jason said: **Jesus is fully God therefore you can fully trust Him to take care of all your needs.** What does it mean to you that Jesus is fully God?

Jesus is God, you don't have to wander aimlessly. – In what area of your life do you need wisdom or direction?

Jesus is God, your sins really CAN be forgiven. – As a group take some time for quiet, silent confession.

Jesus is God and He can transform your life. – How have you experienced the transformation work of Jesus in your life? Where do you currently need transformation?

Jesus is God and He will take care of you. – What are some of your needs at the moment? How hard is it to trust Jesus to meet your needs?

MAKING IT REAL

What needs keep you up at night? What do you do with those worries? What is keeping you from trusting Jesus with those needs? What is the first step in trusting Jesus with those needs?