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Creasy

A blue-toned image of a manger scene. A wooden manger is on the left, containing a baby wrapped in white cloth. A bright light emanates from behind the manger, creating a lens flare effect. The background is a dark, textured blue.

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Into this World

Importance of "Christmas"

Without "the manger" we can never have the cross

Without the cross there could be no tomb

Without the tomb there could be no resurrection

Without the resurrection there is no redemption

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:17



John Chapter 1

Last week we identified THE WORD as Jesus

Today we are going to talk a little Christmas Theology

Theology is the study of the nature of God and religious belief

We celebrate Christmas in remembrance of the arrival of Jesus in physical form



No Earthly Father

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the **Holy Spirit.**”

Matthew 1:20

That means his arrival was not only a collision of time and eternity, it made Jesus an intertwining of God and humanity



Jesus Fully God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:1-4

Jesus is the Word!



The Word was with God

“I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Mark 14:62

And often Jesus does seem to talk about himself as a separate individual from God the Father (**John 5:37**)

And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form,



The Word was with God

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be **one as we are one.**

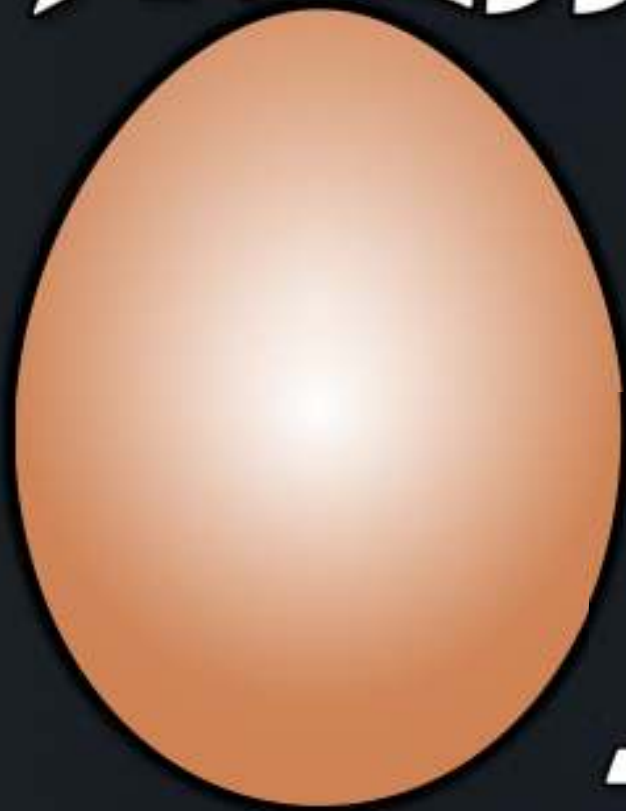
John 17:11

I and the Father are one – John 10:30

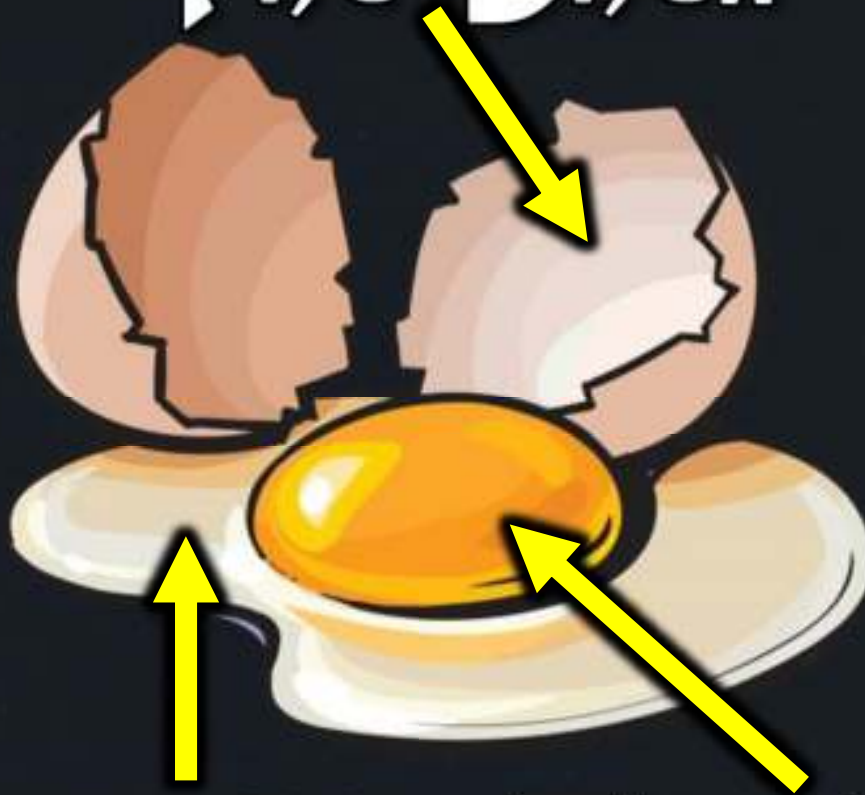
When you see that word with here it does not mean “present”, it means “part of”



An Egg



The Shell



The White The Yoke

The Word was God

No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

What do we call H₂O?

John 6:46



All three are a product of H₂O the difference in terms is totally based on state we see it

The Word was God

Jesus did not cease being God when he became human

God is omni present Jesus could only be in one place at a time

God is all knowing but Jesus himself admits he set that aside to be human

God is all powerful but Jesus possessed human limits to his power supply



More Than Becoming Human

**Jesus did not just become human,
He experienced humanity**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15



In the Beginning

John is reinforcing his premise that Jesus is God

He start his Christmas story with historical context God was before time

That is why technically Christmas is not the birthday of Jesus

It is the point when he embraced humanity



In the Beginning

Since that experience includes being born, there was a birth

Jesus the Son of God has always been!

But wait how can he be both Father and Son?

The concept of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is less about three individual beings and more about how God relates to humanity



Creator God

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made

Jesus is creator God (Genesis 1:3)

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Jesus worked all kinds of miracles while here on earth



Christmas Miracles

He identifies the purpose of his miracles is so humanity could see God and believe (**John 5:36**)

His miracles bent the laws of creation:

Healed sick, Cured blindness, deaf, paralysis and the mute, Calmed storms, Walked on Water, Controlled fish, Bent matter, Raised the dead

He even showed dominion of demons
(**Matthew 28:28-32**)



Creator God

**Every miracle Jesus did
pointed to his control
over creation which was
possible only because
he himself was
the creator**



Jesus is the Light

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

God was and is the source of all life as he created life

God was and is the source of light as it was the first thing he created



Jesus is the Light

Jesus became the light of the world to lead humanity back into a relationship with him

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12



A person is silhouetted against a dark, starry night sky. The person is standing on a dark, undulating horizon line, looking up at a very bright, multi-pointed star that dominates the upper center of the frame. The sky is filled with numerous smaller stars, and the overall color palette is a deep, dark blue to black.

Jesus 100% God!

Have you seen His Christmas Light?