

Advent: Week 4
Christmas Contributions
12/23/18

"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus."

Matthew 1:18–25 (NIV84)

Jesus: U _____ with God!

"Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. ²⁰ "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me."

John 17:17–21 (NLT)

1. The D _____.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

2. The H _____.

A. B _____.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

John 1:14 (NIV)

B. H _____.

"When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept."

John 11:33–35 (NIV)

C. M _____.

"Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man."

Luke 2:52 (NIV)

"Concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Mark 13:32 (NIV)

D. W _____.

"I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

John 6:38 (NIV)

Jesus prays to the Father, "Not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 26:39 (NIV)

"Jesus took a human body to save our bodies. And he took a human mind to save our minds. Without becoming man in his emotions, he could not have rescued our hearts. And without taking a human will, he could not save our broken and wandering wills."

— David Mathis

3. The P _____.

"So then, since we have a great [Unifier] who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This [Unifier] of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

Hebrews 4:14–16 (NLT)