



Title: The Greatest Gift Ever Given

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Scripture Text: John 1:1-14

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Merry Christmas!! Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We see Him described in Luke as *“the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”* And *“for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”* Many celebrate Christmas with no consideration of who the day is for. So, who is this Jesus for whom we celebrate? Let us take a moment to learn more about the Christ of Christmas.

### I. Jesus is God (John 1:1-2)

We see in these verses that Jesus is *eternally God*. Jesus Christ has always existed; *“in the beginning was the Word”*. When everything was created, He was already there. We see that He is also *equally God*. *“The Word was with God and the Word was God”*. Jesus said in [John 14:7](#) *“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father.”* If you know Jesus, you know God.

- Describe what it means that *“the Word was with God”* and *“the Word was God”*.
- How long has Jesus Christ (the Word) been around?
- How does knowing the Jesus is God effect how you celebrate Christmas?

### II. Jesus is the Creator (John 1:3)

Nothing was created apart from Jesus. Although we live in a fallen world because of sin, and our circumstances may be related to the fallen nature of creation, He knows your trials and struggles and is available to sustain you through them. As creator of all, He is in control of all and can be trusted.

- Describe examples in the Bible that Jesus demonstrated His power and authority over creation.
- What are areas in your life that need to be entrusted to Him who, as Creator of all, is able to handle those areas based on His will?
- How does knowing Jesus is the Creator effect how you celebrate Christmas?

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### III. Jesus is the Savior (John 1:4-5, 8-13)

Jesus is the *Life* and the *Light*. Life (eternal life) is found only in Him. His light shines and darkness cannot overpower Him. We are told that “as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God...to those who believe in His name.” Those who believe in Him become children of God which includes being heirs of His kingdom. This means those who believe in Jesus will get to share in the inheritance that is available for the children of God, eternal life with Him.

- Verse 8 describes John the Baptist’s role in preparing the way for Jesus. How can we also “testify about the Light”?
- Children are many times reflections of their parents, in their mannerisms, how they act and how they talk. As a child of God, how are you a reflection of your heavenly Father?
- How does knowing Jesus is the Savior effect how you celebrate Christmas?

Jesus is the GREATEST gift ever given! Have you received this gift?