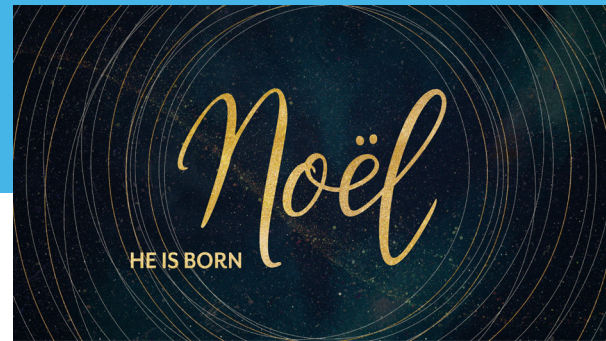


# Discussion Questions

December 10, 2023



## Noel: He is Born Was Jesus Really Fully Human?

1. Hebrews 4:14-15 says, *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet was without sin".*

- What difference does it make if He is fully human or not?

2. We saw in Hebrews 1:3 Jesus described as the "exact imprint" of God, and He told us in John 14:9, that "To see Him is to see the Father".

- Are there unhealthy ways you have viewed God in the past that don't match up to how Jesus is revealed in the Gospels?

- How has looking at the way Jesus, the human being, lived & loved, clarified the character of God for you?

3. Read John 17:1-3 out loud, then re-read verse 3 a few times slowly.

- How is Jesus defining eternal life?
- How does this impact your understanding of what it means to be "saved."

4. Read Philippians 2:3-8

- What does Paul mean by asking them to "have the same mind as Jesus"?
- How can this be lived out today?

5. Read The Nicene Creed together out loud. Are there any parts you struggle with, or don't understand?

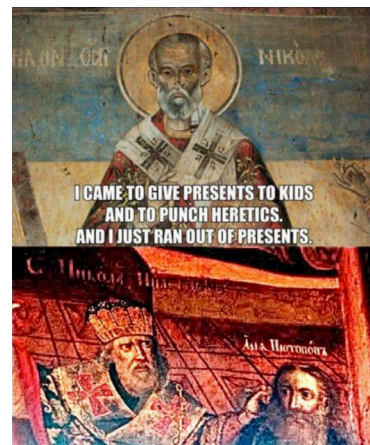
We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

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### Athanasius of Alexandria (296-373 AD)

For that was the very purpose and end of our Lord's Incarnation, that He should join what is man by nature to Him who is by nature God, that so man might enjoy His salvation and His union with God without any fear of its failing or decrease.



### Luke 2:52

*Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.*

### Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges [emptied Himself]; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

### Acts 10:38 (NASB 2020)

*You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

**Mark 3:20-21 (ESV)**

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

**Mark 3:31-32 (ESV)**

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you."

**Mark 6:1-3 (ESV)**

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? **Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?**" And they took offense at him.

**John 7:5 (ESV)**

Not even his brothers believed in him.

**Hebrews 2:15 (NIV)**

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too **shared in their humanity.**

**Hebrew 2:17 (NIV)**

For this reason he had to be made like them, **fully human in every way.**

**Heb 4:15 (NIV)**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

**Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV)**

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Hebrews 1:3 (NASB)**

And He [Jesus] is the radiance of His [God's] glory and the exact representation of His nature.

**John 10:10,**

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**John 17:1-3 (NIV)**

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, **the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**