

REDISCOVER WONDER

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Four Amazing Things about Jesus' Birth:

1) Jesus' birth is a story of _____.

2) Jesus' birth was the _____ in the garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:14–15 (NLT) (14) Then the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. (15) And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

3) Jesus entered into this world as both _____.

"For 33 years he would feel everything you and I have ever felt. He felt weak. He grew weary. He was afraid of failure. He was susceptible to wooing women. He got colds, burped, and had body odor. His feelings got hurt. His feet got tired. And his head ached. To think of Jesus in such a light is -- well, it seems almost irreverent, doesn't it? It's not something we like to do; it's uncomfortable. It is much easier to keep the humanity out of the incarnation. Clean the manure from around the manger. Wipe the sweat out of his eyes. Pretend he never snored or blew his nose or hit his thumb with a hammer. He's easier to stomach that way. There is something about keeping him divine that keeps him distant, packaged, predictable. But don't do it. For heaven's sake, don't. Let him be as human as he intended to be. Let him in to the mire and muck of our world. For only if we let him in can he pull us out."

- Max Lucado in his book "God Came Near"

John 1:14 (NLT) (14) So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

Hebrews 2:14 (NLT) (14) Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

Two Exceptions:

a) Jesus was not born with a _____ like us.

Matthew 1:20 (NLT) (20) As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:12 (NLT) (12) When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH IS A VERY BIG DEAL AND NOT JUST SOME INSIGNIFICANT PART OF THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH.

b) Jesus _____.

Hebrews 4:15 (NLT) (15) This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

John 1:1–3 (NLT) (1) In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He existed in the beginning with God. (3) God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

Philippians 2:6 (NLT) (6) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

Colossians 2:9 (NLT) (9) For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

John 10:30 (NLT) (30) The Father and I are one."

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYONE ELSE WHO WALKED ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH LIKE JESUS.

4) The _____ that made Jesus' birth and resurrection possible is at work in our lives today.

Luke 1:35 (NLT) (35) The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

THE SAME POWER WHO MADE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE WHEN JESUS ENTERED INTO THIS WORLD IS AT WORK IN OUR LIVES TODAY!

CHOOSE TO REDISCOVER THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS!

The following individuals are being baptized today:

- ... Cole Eyler
- ... Devonte Fearon
- ... Selah Karkan
- ... Tim Hawkins
- ... Isaiah Miller
- ... Caroline Mulieri
- ... Riley Mulieri
- ... Chris Schindler
- ... Antoniee Yohe

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