



## Sermon Discussion Questions

“The Incarnation – The Source of Life, Belonging, & Joy” (1 John 1:1-4) – 12/7/25

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### Sermon Overview

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#### Main Idea

Advent is about how Jesus came to give us the belonging and the joy we were made for.

#### Sermon Outline

1. Eternal Pre-Existence of Christ
2. Historical Incarnation
3. Reliable Proclamation
4. Invitation to Fellowship
5. Completed Joy

#### Quotes

“If Christ is not true and natural God, born of the Father in eternity and Creator of all creatures, we are doomed. For what would Christ’s suffering and death avail me if Christ were merely a human being like you and me? As such He could not have overcome the devil, death, and sin; He would have proved far too weak for them and could never have helped us. No, we must have a Savior who is true God and Lord over sin, death, devil and hell. If we permit the devil to topple this stronghold from us, so that we disbelieve His divinity, then His suffering, death, and resurrection profit us nothing. Then we are bereft of all hope of eternal life and salvation... I am enlarging on this subject for a good reason, because everything depends on this doctrine. It serves to maintain and support all other doctrines of our Christian faith. Therefore the devil assailed it very early in the history of Christendom, and he continues to do so in our own day.” -Martin Luther

### Discussion Questions

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#### Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on?
- What insight from the text or sermon stood out to you most, and why?

#### Deeper Reflection

- When you look around at the state of interpersonal relationships in our culture, what do you think our world needs most right now? What are the biggest challenges to relationships?
- Looking at v.1-2, explain how Jesus is God the Father’s self-disclosure to the world.



## Sermon Discussion Questions

- What facts strengthen John's proclamation about Jesus? How is John's proclamation different than an appeal you might make to someone today?
- In light of John 17:3, how is fellowship also part of salvation?
- In what way can you grow in finding joy in the fellowship God provides?

### **Final Response**

- What is one thing you want to remember or one way you hope to change in light of this sermon or discussion?