

Read John 1:1-18

1. *The baby born at Bethlehem was God.* How does the apostle John structure the prologue to his Gospel to make clear what the title *Son of God* means?
2. What things does John tell us about the Word who became flesh?
3. Why should the Incarnation move us to praise God for his humility?
4. What was the *motive* for the Incarnation?
5. The *kenosis* theory suggests that Jesus had to give up some divinity to become man, do you agree with this? Why will this theory not stand?
6. What, in your own words, is “the Christmas spirit”? How is the church today failing to exhibit it? What are some specific actions you could perform to manifest the Christmas spirit?
7. Why is the Incarnation the supreme mystery of the gospel? What effects should being aware of the Incarnation have on each of us?