

Luke 2:1-39 ... 39-52
Son of God

The scandal of Advent ...

I. From Before there was Time

- A. One God
- B. Holy Trinity
- C. Eternal Son

II. When the Time Had Come

- A. A Holy Child
- B. Christ, The Lord
- C. Son of God

III. To Make Us Children

- A. Sons & Daughters
- B. Heirs of Heaven
- C. Through Faith Alone

... and why we celebrate it.

Children, Listen ...

1. From the Children's Catechism

Are there more gods than one?

In how many persons does this one God exist?

What are they?

2. Which one took on flesh and became Jesus?

3. Do you believe that Jesus is the Savior, the Son of God?

4. Have you trusted in Him to take away your sin?

5. Why is Christmas such a great celebration for true Christians?

Jesus the Christ, Son of the Living God

He that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man.

God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and made of the substance of His mother, born in the world.

Perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead,

and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood.

Who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ.

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh,

but by taking of the manhood into God.

One altogether, not by the confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

- From the Athanasian Creed 5th Century

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

- Latin antiphons 12th century

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;

low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;

angels adore him in slumber reclining,

Maker and Monarch and Lord over all.

- Reginald Heber 1811

Lo, within a manger lies, He who built the starry skies:

He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!

Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

- Edward Caswall 1851

Thou Who wast rich behind all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;

Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou Who art God beyond all praising, all for loves sake becamest man;

Stooping so low, but sinner raising, heav'n-ward by thine eternal plan.

Thou Who are God beyond all praising, all for loves sake becamest man.

- Frank Houghton (1898-1972)