

The Miracle in the Manger

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"The great mystery of the manger is that God would be able to translate deity into humanity without either discarding the deity, or distorting the humanity." John Phillips

1. When Jesus was born - deity became **tangible** –
 - a. Because of the manger we know God is real - John 1:14
 - b. Because of the manger we know God can relate – Phil 2:8
 - c. Because of the manger we know God is relevant – Hebrews 4:15
2. When the Son was given - deity became **vulnerable**
 - a. Because of the manger we met the "first cause - the creator."
 - i. *Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*
 - b. Because of the manger we know the "faithful source – the sustainer"
 - i. *Colossians 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*
 - c. Because of the manger we know the "final word – the finisher"
 - i. *Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;*
 - d. By way of the manger Jesus was given to us – Isa 9:6
 - e. By way of the manger Jesus was sacrificed for us – Romans 5:8
 - f. By way of the manger Jesus delivered up for us – Romans 8:32
3. When the gift is received – deity becomes **available**
 - a. To us his name is wonderful -there is wonder in His saving name-

- b. To us his name is Counselor – there is wisdom in his saving name
- c. To us He is the Mighty God – there is worth in his saving name
- d. To us he is the Everlasting Father – there is wealth in his saving name.
- e. He is the Prince of Peace – There is welcome in his saving name. John 14:27; John 16:33a; Phil. 4:7.

*"No wonder they **call Him Wonderful!**"*

