

“How Jesus Came!”
(God’s Timing for the Birth of Jesus, Part 2)
Galatians 4:4

In the fullness of time Jesus came. He came as fully God and fully Man, born into a devout Jewish home.

He Came as God → His Deity

“God sent forth His Son!”

- The Sender

- The Sent One

He Came as a Man → His Humanity

“...born of a woman”

- Fulfilled Prophecy

- Full Humanity

He Came as a Jew → His Ethnicity

“...born under the law”

- Seen in His Birth

- Seen in His Life

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: What is your favorite Christmas carol? (For extra credit sing one verse to the group 😊)

Discussion Questions

1. Galatians 4:4 speaks of a “But God. . .” divine intervention into human history. Share a time that God seemed to intervene in your life, maybe through circumstances beyond your control.

2. How does the phrase “God sent forth His Son” reflect the different roles of the Father and the Son, but still allow for the full Deity of Jesus? How thankful are you that Jesus was willing to come?

3. Galatians 4:4 says that Jesus was “born of a woman.” Why is it so important that Jesus is fully human? What are some life struggles we have that Jesus also experienced?

4. What does it mean that Jesus was “born under the law?” Read and discuss Jesus’ statement in Matt 5:17. In what sense did Jesus “fulfill the law?”

Small Group/Family Prayer Time

Before each prayer recite 1 Tim 2:5 and give thanks that we have “the Man” Jesus as our mediator in Heaven.

Digging Deeper

1. Remind yourself that Jesus is fully God by reviewing the following verses that speak of His Deity: Is 9:6; Mic 5:2; Mat 1:23; 2:11; Jn 1:1; 10:30; 14:9; 20:28; Col 2:9; Titus 2:13; Heb 1:1-8; and Rev 1:8 and 19:16. Give Jesus a word of praise from your heart after reflecting on each verse.

2. Trace the prophecy and fulfillment of the virgin birth of Christ “the seed of the woman” through the following verses: Gen 3:15; Gal 3:16 (Gen 15:4-5); Is 7:14 and Mat 1:16, 18-25.

3. For next week, read over Gal 4:1-7 several times. Jot down your observations and questions on verses 5 to 7. Try to write these verses in your own words.