

# One of Us

FIVE REASONS THE CREATOR  
ENTERED INTO HIS CREATION





It happens as you get older. Each Christmas season starts to feel like just more of the same. Same decorations up in the shops. Same carols playing on the radio. Same ebay specials in your inbox. Same routine of parties and presents. Christmas loses its excitement and it's easy to forget: at the heart of what Christmas celebrates is an utterly mind-blowing mystery. The Creator himself actually entered his own creation. The eternal Son of God took on flesh. He became one of us.

1. Imagine trying to explain this to a friend. What would they find difficult? What would you find difficult?

Many today will shun the claim that Jesus is God become human. A good teacher, perhaps, but surely not God himself. Yet most of the early church had the opposite problem. From the visible fact that Jesus had died for humanity's sin, defeated death in his resurrection, poured out his Spirit on his people and formed a world-wide community of believers from all races and classes, it was obvious that Jesus is divine. So obvious in fact, it seemed insulting to say Jesus took on a weak, messy, smelly body like ours! Maybe he seemed human. Surely he didn't actually become human. But as we'll see in this study and the preaching series to follow, it's actually essential to faith in Jesus that we avoid both these errors...

2. Break up into pairs, giving each pair a passage or two below to look at. Then have each pair read their passages to the whole group and share their findings.

What did Jesus achieve for us?	Why did he need to be fully human?	Why did he need to be fully divine?
Rom 8:1-4		
Gal 3:23-4:6		
Phil 2:1-11		
Col 1:15-20		
Heb 2:10-18		

3. Putting together all the passages you've heard, what would be missing from our salvation if Jesus wasn't fully human?

4. What would be missing from our salvation if Jesus wasn't fully divine?

5. The message of Christmas is that the eternal Son of God became a real human baby, all so he could save real humans like us. Does anything about that excite you? What in particular?

6. How could you share that excitement with family and friends this Christmas season?

Pray together for your family and friends who don't yet know Jesus. Relatives you might see over Christmas. Work mates. Neighbours. Parents of your kids' friends. Whoever you know and love. Pray that you'd be excited about Jesus and want to share that excitement with them. Pray that you'd chat about what you're doing over Christmas and this would be a chance to invite them to church. Pray that they'd come, they'd be welcomed and that you'd be able to talk to them more about what they hear. This Christmas season is a great chance for people to get to know Jesus, our creator who became one of us!

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**25th NOVEMBER - HEBREWS 2:10-18**

**2nd DECEMBER - ROMANS 8:1-4**

**9th DECEMBER - COLOSSIANS 1:15-20  
CAROLS IN THE CARPARK**

**16th DECEMBER - GALATIANS 3:23-4:6**

**23rd DECEMBER - PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11**

**CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY - MATTHEW 1:18-23**