

The Message of Christmas -

1. The _____ problem

- When?
- Who?
- What?
 - Controversy -
Theotokos =
Anthrotokos =
Christotokos =
 - Intention - to guard against an over-emphasis on Jesus' _____
 - Interpretation -
- Why?
 - _____ at stake -
 - Personalities -
 - Politics, power, pride, and _____

Four Quick Lessons

1. Christians must learn to _____ as well as we _____.
2. Churches sometimes do the right thing the _____ way.
3. Our Savior has a different path to power: _____. Be wary of political power.
4. God makes _____ lines with _____ sticks.

2. The _____ to the problem

The Four Great Christological Passages

	Deity	Humanity
John 1	1 - The word was _____ 2 - He made all things	14 - The Word became _____ 14 - Dwelt among us
Phil. 2	6 - Already existed as _____	7 - Took on the nature of a _____
Col. 1	16 - All things created through him 19 - All the fullness of _____ dwells in him	18 - The firstborn from the dead 20 - Made peace through _____
Heb. 1	3 - The radiance of [_____] glory	3 - Provided purification for _____

3. What the _____ does

Because Jesus is human ...

- He was the most human _____ who ever lived.
- His trials were _____.
“One who in every respect has been tempted as we are”

Hebrews 4:15

- He knows _____ from the inside.
“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

- Jesus’ bodily sacrifice was _____.

Because Jesus is God ...

- The _____ is utterly scandalous.
- The _____ must be serious.
- We must re-orient our lives _____.

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