

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,

maker of heaven and earth,

AND IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again from the
dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated

at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Part 2: I Believe in Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Luke 3:1-2

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— 2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

Luke 1:34-35

34 “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”
34 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:14 NIV

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

John 1:14 MSG

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.

Matthew 16:13-17

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”
14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”
16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”
17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

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Message notes:

There is no debate over whether Jesus was a historical person, the debate is over _____.

Jesus is both fully _____ and fully _____.

Jesus is fully _____ in this world.

When God looked at this world in this moment, He said it's time for me to _____ the neighborhood.

God moves into the neighborhood because He wants to be _____. What flows out of this is a relationship.

Each one of us has to answer the question: Who is Jesus going to be in _____?

When Jesus is _____, it changes everything in our world.

We don't limit ourselves to the knowledge that we have, but instead, we pursue the _____ that God offers us by moving into the neighborhood.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. The message discusses how Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, making Him both fully divine and fully human. How does the concept of Jesus being both fully God and fully human (through the Virgin birth) impact our understanding of His ability to relate to our experiences?
2. Pastor Jasen discusses how Jesus 'moved into the neighborhood' based on John 1:14. How does this perspective of Jesus becoming human change how we view His relationship with us?
3. In Matthew 16, Jesus asks 'Who do you say I am?' How is Peter's response different from what others were saying, declaring him as 'the Messiah, the son of the living God.' Why is this declaration so important?
4. C.S. Lewis presented three options for who Jesus is: liar, lunatic, or Lord. How has your understanding of who Jesus is in your life changed over the last 5 years?
5. Pastor Jasen emphasizes that the Apostles' Creed is not just about knowledge but about relationship. How does believing these truths about Jesus affect our daily relationship with Him?

Ministry Time:

The message pointed out the difference between knowing facts about Jesus and having a relationship with Him. Pray for anyone who feels they need to begin to focus more on their relationship with Jesus.

The concept of Jesus 'moving into the neighborhood' of your life will lead to him being in close proximity to your struggles and hang ups. Pray for anyone who is struggling to be completely open and honest with Jesus about their life.