

## Why Did God Become Man?

1. Christmas is about the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

"[The love of God] is the marvel that evokes wonder, adoration, and praise. It is a love that arises from the unsearchable riches of God's goodness."<sup>1</sup>

"[The Son] prefers to suffer death rather than to leave our race unsaved."<sup>2</sup>

2. Christmas is about the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>1</sup> John Murray, *The Atonement*, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Anselm of Canterbury, *Why God Became Man* in *A Scholastic Miscellany: Anselm to Ockham*, p. 115.

### 3. Christmas is about the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

"The debt was so great that, while man alone owed it, only God could pay it, so that the same person must be both man and God."<sup>3</sup>

#### Discussion/application questions:

1. If a non-Christian asked you to explain Christmas, what would you say?
2. What is your favorite Christmas song? What does it teach you about Christ? Does it connect with the cross?
3. How is it possible to have a Christ-centered Christmas without having a cross-centered Christmas?
4. What does Christmas tell you about the love of God? About the justice of God?
5. Are you struggling to believe that God loves you? How can Christmas be a trigger to be comforted in His love?

#### Book Recommendations:

*Anselm of Canterbury The Major Works* edited by Brian Davies & G.R. Evans  
*Pierced for Our Transgressions* by Steve Jeffery, Michael Ovey, Andrew Sach  
*Father, Son and Holy Spirit* by Bruce Ware

#### Next week: Prayerful Meditation on Scripture

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<sup>3</sup> Anselm, p. 176.