



## Way Before the Manger

### Prayer

**Text:** John 1:1-5

**Icebreaker:** Discuss why you think God sent the promised Messiah, the King of kings into the world in weakness as a baby, and into such lowly circumstances as the lowly stable in Bethlehem and not to a palace.

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1. According to Micah 5:2, how long had the coming Messiah been in existence before He was born in Bethlehem?

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2. Many Bible teachers believe that Melchizedek was an epiphany (appearance) of Christ in the Old Testament. What do we learn about this mysterious priest in Genesis 14:18-20, and Hebrews 7:1-3?

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3. From His title in Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23 what do we learn about the nature of Jesus Christ?

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4. What does Colossians 2:9 teach us about Jesus Divine nature?

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5. What two titles from Isaiah 9:6 indicate that Jesus was truly God in a human body?

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6. According to the following references what great work did Jesus fulfill with His Father when time began? Genesis 1:1, 26, John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:16-17, Hebrews 1:10-12

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7. What great titles does Jesus share with His Father according to Revelation 1:8 & 15:3?

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8. What did Job call the Lord Jesus some 2000 years before He was born, and what did His heart yearn for? Job 19:25-27

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9. In the gospels Jesus is revealed as the Son of God, and also the Son of Man? Is this a contradiction? Matthew 16:13-17; Luke 19:10

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10. The Pharisees did not understand that their promised Messiah would be both the Son of God and the Son of David. Discuss Matthew 22:41-45 with Psalm 110:1.

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11. According to John 12:41, John says that Isaiah saw the glory of the Lord Jesus and spoke of Him. Read Isaiah 6:1-5 and describe Isaiah's encounter with the Son of God.

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12. What did Jesus do with His glory when He came to be our Savior? Philippians 2:5-8

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13. When Jesus finished the work of our redemption what did God do for His Son and how must we respond? Philippians 2:9-11

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14. What was John's response when he saw Jesus in all His resurrection glory? Revelation 1:13-18

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**Think about this week:**

Am I, like Job, looking forward to seeing my Redeemer face to face, and then looking forward to returning to rule and reign with Him on the earth? Revelation 19:11-16 describes Jesus return with His saints to rule the nations.

*I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse.  
And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True,  
and in righteousness He judges and makes war.  
His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns.  
He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.  
He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.*

*And the armies in Heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean,  
followed Him on white horses.  
Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.  
And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.  
He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.  
And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:  
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*