



LISTENING GUIDE

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The Wonder of the Birth

1 John 1:1-4; Luke 1:26-31, 34-35

As we continue our journey through the season of Advent, our Scripture passages today draw our attention to the miraculous birth of Jesus. His birth is the central hinge of human history—time itself is divided by this event. Indeed, Jesus' birth is so monumental because it marks the incarnation of God Himself. Let's explore, then, *the wonder of the birth of Jesus* through three main points.

I. The Wonder of the _____ Word Made _____ (1 John 1:1-2)

- The Incarnation defined = “*in flesh*” or “*act of being made flesh*”
 - See *John 1:14*
- Two key truths about the incarnation:
 1. The _____ Nature of Christ (v.1a)
 - See also *John 1:1-2*
 2. The _____ Nature of Christ (v.1b)

II. The Wonder of the _____ Birth (Luke 1:26-31, 34-35)

- See *Luke 1:27, 34*
- The significance of this kind of birth:
 1. Established Jesus' unique nature as both **fully God** (conceived by the Holy Spirit) and **fully man** (born of Mary) (v.35)
 2. Guaranteed the **sinless** nature of Jesus (v.35)
 - See *1 Cor. 15:45*
 3. A reminder of God's **power**
 - See *Matthew 19:26*

III. The Wonder of _____ Life Revealed (1 John 1:2-4)

- Jesus came to bring _____ life!
- Joy in _____ and _____!