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Title: What's In the Package?  
Text: John 1:1-3,14

## **ON THE OUTSIDE THE PACKAGE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MUCH**

Just another baby.

**Philippians 2:6-7** - Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Just an ordinary town. Micah 5:2 Bethlehem

Just ordinary parents. Joseph and Mary

## **ONCE THE CONTENTS ARE REVEALED THE PACKAGE'S VALUE IS REVEALED**

Jesus is God. vs.1-3

Jesus pre-existed His earthly birth. v.1-3

Jesus is creator.

**Colossians 1:16-17** - For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Jesus becomes a man. **v.14**

God's only begotten son. **John 3:16**

Jesus fulfillment of God's promise.

## **THE REASON GOD'S GIFT CAME AS A HUMAN**

The birth of Jesus a supernatural event whereby the Holy Spirit conceived in the womb of Mary the baby Jesus.

**Matthew 1:20** - But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Holiness requires sin be judged, and the wages of sin is death. **Romans 6:23**  
Because of Adam and Eve's sin, every human being has entered the world with an inner bent toward sin. **Romans 5:12**

To redeem sinful human beings, the Redeemer must be a human being.

**Hebrews 2:17** - For this reason, he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

**Hebrews 2:9** - But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

The Redeemer must be sinless; that is, He must have no sins of His own for which to pay. John the Baptist identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” **John 1:29**

To bring salvation, the Redeemer must right what our first parents did wrong. Jesus is referred to as the Second Adam because He restored what Adam had lost. **1 Corinthians 15:45**

**2 Corinthians 5:21** - “God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”

## **THE GIFT**

God gave His only begotten Son. **John 3:16**

For by grace are we saved by grace it is the gift of God. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life. **Romans 6:23**

Gifts are meant to be received.

**John 1:12** - Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.