The Most Important Christmas Question John 1:1-4, 14, & 10-12

| The most important question of Christmas involves the central |
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| message of Christmas—that on one night in Bethlehem some 2000+ years ago, the Creator God clothed Himself in and became |
| human. We call it "" |
| The Gospel of John begins with this affirmation: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word |
| The Word became and made his dwelling among us. That belief makes Christianity absolutely among the major religions of the world. |
| Some religions like Buddhism or Hinduism say God is already and always in all things so incarnation is Christians say Jesus is God, and people from those religions say, okay, and so is everyone else and everything else. On the other hand, religions like Islam and Judaism says God is so transcendent that incarnation is To say Jesus is God incarnate is But Christianity is unique. It says that the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ is a unique, one-of-a-kind event. |
| Christmas is not just an to Christianity. Christmas is essential because incarnation is |
| The word became flesh so that Jesus could be what God required from the beginning—a perfect sacrifice—a to pay the price required for our failures before our Creator God. Were He not, He could not serve as the for us. |
| But He doesn't serve as that for you until you and to let His death pay your price. Not everyone does. |
| John also wrote: Yet to all who did him, to those who in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. |
| So, the big question of Christmas is not "what am I going to get or give?", but what am I going about the incarnation and what am I going about it? |