

December 22, 2013  
*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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Selected Scriptures

## “The Sacrifices of Christmas”

1. **Mary – Luke 1:26-38** (Jn. 8:39-41; Mk. 6:3)

2. **Joseph – Mt. 1:18-25**

3. **John – Luke 1:39-45, 76-80; Mt. 3:1-6; John 1:19-37; 3:22-36**

4. **Jesus – Phil. 2:5-11** (cf. Is. 45:23) – listen to sermons by Pastor Randy Leinen (12/8/13 & 12/15/13)

Jesus is **God!**

Micah 5:2; Jn. 1:1, 14; Titus 2:13; Jn. 5-8; 10; Rom. 9:5; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 1:8; 1 Jn. 5:20; Is. 9:6f  
**(Eternal** - Mic. 5:2; Jn. 1:1f; 8:58; **Omnipotent** - Jn. 5:19; Mt. 28:18; Rev. 1:8 "the almighty";  
**Omnipresent** - Eph. 1:23; Jn. 3:13 (in heaven while on earth) / Mt. 28:20 (on earth while in heaven);  
**Omniscient** - Mt. 11:27; Lk. 22:7-13; Jn. 1:47-50; 2:24f; 16:30; **Immutability** - Heb. 13:8; **Divine works:** Creator - Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2 / Sustainer - Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3; **Divine authority:** Forgive sins - Mk. 2:1ff / Heal / cast out demons - Mt. 11:5 / Reveal Father - Mt. 11:27 / Give eternal life - Jn. 4:13f; I Jn. 5:12; Raise dead Jn. 11:25f / Raise own dead body - Jn. 10:17f; 19:30 / Execute all judgment - Jn. 5:22; 2 Cor. 5:10; **Divine names:** "I am" / "Immanuel" / "Logos" or "Word" / "Son of God" or "God the Son" / "Lord" / "Christ" / "Son of Man" / "Wonderful" (incomprehensible), Mighty God, Everlasting Father; **Received Divine worship** - Mt. 14:33; Heb. 1:6; Mt. 4:10 cf. Acts 10:25f; **Claims of Deity** - Jn. 5-10 - "I am"

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is the greatest gift you ever received for Christmas? Why was that gift so meaningful to you? What sacrifices did the person who gave it to you have to make?
2. What sacrifices did Mary make for the first Christmas?
3. What sacrifices did Joseph make for the first Christmas?
4. What sacrifices did John the Baptist make because of the first Christmas?
5. What sacrifices did Jesus make for the first Christmas?
6. What sacrifices are you making for the cause of Christ? What other specific sacrifices is the Lord calling you to make in order to get the Gospel out to all nations?