

TO US Mighty God

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Jesus at Christmas makes us think of a baby in a manger, but the significance of Jesus' birth goes far beyond that of any human. The miracle of Christmas is that the Mighty God took on flesh and blood.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. | Isaiah 9:6
 - Jesus is Mighty God.
 - For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. | Colossians 1:16
 - Jesus has created everything we can see and understand, and everything we can't see and don't understand.
 - He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. | Colossians 1:17
 - Jesus sustains and holds all things together.
 - "It is possible that God says every morning, 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening, 'Do it again' to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them." | G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*
 - Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." | Matthew 22:37-38
 - We were created to love God above all else.
 - The importance of Jesus' birth can't be understood apart from the victory of His resurrection from the dead, which brings us forgiveness and eternal life.
 - Those gifts offered to us would not be possible if Jesus was not the Mighty God born into the world.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the significance of seeing that creation is made through Jesus, for Jesus, and held together by Jesus? (Colossians 1:16-17)
2. What does it mean/look like to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind? What do you feel most holds you back from doing that on any given day or week?
3. The significance of understanding Jesus as Mighty God is realizing our need for him—for his sustenance, his forgiveness, his restoration. How much do you feel that you depend on God as you go through your week, and in what ways? How much do you feel like you rely on other things—yourself, your work, other external sources, etc.?