

# What does it mean to say: God becomes man?



## PRAY

### My Lord and my God!

How close you have come to us! You have made yourself as helpless and kind as a child. We can warm ourselves at your side. Thank you, God, for being a man among men. Amen.



## CONTEMPLATE

One person reads the Bible passage aloud.  
Short silence.

**Exchange:** *What particularly appealed to you?*



## STUDY

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2. Three minutes of silence.
3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
4. Explain briefly in the next round why you have chosen the sentence (e.g. memories, questions, etc.).



## DISCUSS

**Also discuss your own questions on this topic!**

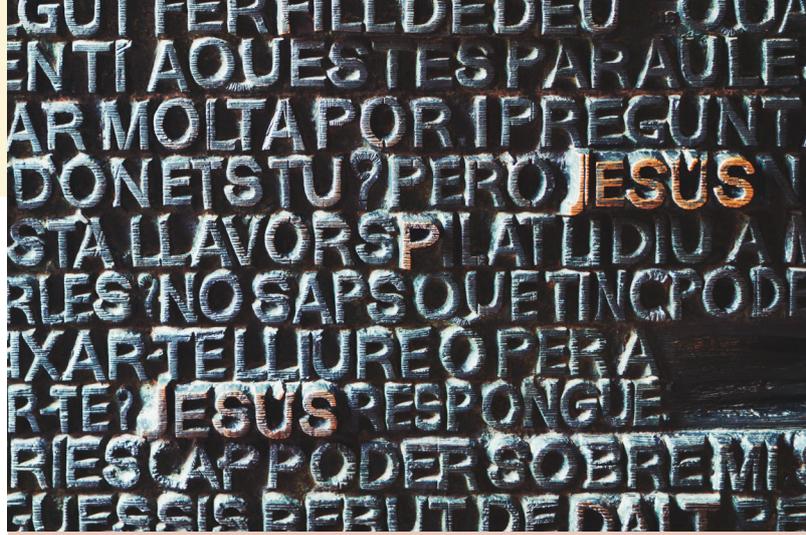
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**74** *What does it mean to say that Jesus is "the only-begotten Son of God"?*

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In many passages of the New Testament (Jn. 1:14, 18; 1 Jn. 4:9; Heb. 1:2, and so on) Jesus is called "Son". At his baptism and his Transfiguration, the voice from heaven calls Jesus "my beloved Son". Jesus discloses to his disciples his unique relationship to his heavenly Father: "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Mt. 11:27). The fact that Jesus Christ really is God's Son comes to light at the Resurrection.

1. How is the Holy Scripture saying that Jesus is more than a man?
2. Why did God send his son to Earth? It is more comfortable in heaven.
3. God the Father sent his son to confront our earthly problems. What does this fact tell us about him?
4. What do you understand by: "Do it as God, become a man"?

Surf the internet together and search for the best image of Jesus Christ. Discuss about what the different images of Jesus are expressing. Ask one another which images you could best pray before. You do not have to agree on only one, as there might be several "best images" ... or maybe none that are able to fully depict our true Lord.

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