

# God...Revealed!

## *Jesus is God's Gift of GLORY!*

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John 1:1-3, 14-18

**Introduction**—"One of us"—by Joan Osborne—*What if God was one of us?*

Would it make any difference if Jesus *wasn't* God?

### **The Consistent Christmas-Claim of the New Testament**

#### **I. Matthew 1:21**

\* Immanu...el—"with us...god"

\* Jesus is the fulfillment of the Isaiah promise

#### **II. John**

1:1-3—Jesus *is* God [one]...and *with* God [distinct]

1:14-18

\* "dwelt" among us—the tabernacling presence of God

\* Exodus Imagery

6:46—Jesus is *from* God (distinct), yet...He's seen God (one)

14:6-11—

\* Son/Father (distinct).

\* Yet, Son is IN the Father and Father is IN the Son! (one)

- See the Son...see the Father!

#### **III. II Corinthians 4:4, 6**

#### **IV. Colossians 1:15-17, 19**

#### **V. Hebrews 1:1-3**

\* Jesus is God's Son (distinct)

\* Jesus is God (one)

- Heir of all things, agent of creation, sustainer of the universe, reigning on high

- The radiance of the glory of God!

- The exact imprint of God's nature (character)

**So, what's the BIG DEAL about Christmas?**