

# 2 | Only Begotten

JOHN 1:1-3; 14-18

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Jesus is **BEGOTTEN** not **MADE**; (v. 1-3)

**he never was not** John 8:58 / Col 1:17 / Heb 1:8 / Mic 5:2 / John 17:5

**Creator, not creature** Col 1:16 / Heb 1:2 / 1 Cor 8:6 / Heb 1:10 / Ps 33:6

he **ADDED** true humanity to his true deity, (v. 14)

↔ **he took on what he was not...** Phil 2:6-7 / Heb 2:14 / Gal 4:4 / Rom 8:3 / Heb 4:15

**without losing what he is** Col 2:9 / Heb 1:3 / John 10:30 / Phil 2:11 / Col 1:19

to bring us to the **FATHER**. (v. 18)

↕ **he came to us** Luke 19:10 / John 3:16 / 1 John 4:9 / 1 Tim 1:15 / Matt 1:23

**to bring us to God** 1 Pet 3:18 / Heb 10:19-20 / Rom 5:2 / Eph 2:18 / John 14:6

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**Learn More**  
Read Chapter 2 of  
"The Nicene Creed"  
by Kevin DeYoung.



## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Welcome to Life Groups!

Each week we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

#### Share with the Group:

*What's something you can't stop talking about lately? It could be a hobby, show, team, politics, topic? You might think: what don't you need to be asked about to bring it up?*

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching,** *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

### Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. **Read John 1:1-3; 14-18.** **Then Read the Nicene Creed.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. **The Nicene Creed** says Jesus is "**begotten, not made.**" C.S. Lewis described the difference this way: when you beget, you produce something of the same nature as yourself; when you make, you produce something of a different kind. Why does it matter—practically AND theologically—which of those two describes the Son?
3. **Read Philippians 2:6-8 and Hebrews 2:14.** What exactly did Jesus take on in the incarnation (when he became human), and what does each passage suggest about why he did it that way?
  - What does "becoming flesh" cost him? What does it make possible?

*(Study Guide continues on back panel...)*

At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



### Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



### Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



### Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



### Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

## Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for John 1:14-18 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>14</sup> So the **Word became human** and **made his home** among us. He was **full of unfailing love** and **faithfulness**. And we have **seen** his **glory**, the **glory** of the **Father's** one and **only** Son. <sup>15</sup> **John testified** about him **when he shouted** to the **crowds**, "This is the one I was **talking about when I said**,

'**Someone is coming** after

me who is far **greater** than

I am, for he **existed long**

before me.'" <sup>16</sup> From his

**abundance** we have all

**received** one **gracious**

**blessing** after **another**.

<sup>17</sup> For the law was **given**

through **Moses**, but God's

**unfailing love** and

**faithfulness** came

through Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> No one has ever **seen**

God. But the unique One,

who is himself God, is near

to the **Father's** heart. He

has revealed God to us.

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- Hebrews 4:15** says Jesus has been "tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sin." How does that change the way you think about bringing your real life to Jesus? Your failures, doubts, exhaustion, etc.

  - Is there anything you tend to hold back from him?
- Read Exodus 33:18–23 alongside John 1:14 and 18.** What does Moses ask for, and what answer does he get?

  - What does John 1 say has now become possible?
  - What does that shift tell you about what the incarnation actually accomplished?
- Romans 5:2** says we "have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand." A **Secure Son/Daughter** lives "increasingly confident in being a loved child of God — resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval." Where in your life right now do you find yourself striving for approval instead of resting in the acceptance and access you have in Christ?

  - What truth or distortion has been loudest in your mind this week—and how have you responded to it?

## Taking It Home

- Jesus came to seek (Luke 19:10), to make the Father known (John 1:18), and to bring us to God (1 Pet 3:18). As someone who has been *sought by Jesus* and *brought to God*—what does that ask of you in the way you move toward others this week?

  - A **Ready Storyteller** lives each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.

## Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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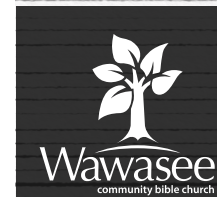
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