

## Christmas Sermon #1

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Gregory of Nazianzus’ sermon on December 25, 380 A.D.

### **The “What” of the Incarnation**

John 1:1-5, 14-18

### **Why is it Important to Get This Right?**

- *Jesus had to be fully human for me to be fully saved*
- *“What is not assumed is not healed”*

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### **What Should Our Response Be?**

Phil 2:5-11

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#### Digging Deeper

Read Gregory's words

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1. Have you lost the wonder of Christmas? Has it become stale news as opposed to an occasion for great rejoicing? If so, why?
2. Read John 1:1-5 and 14-18 and discuss what must have been a mind-blowing truth to the first readers.
3. Is it really that important to get this doctrine correct? Remember Gregory's words "*What is not assumed is not healed!*"
4. What should our response be to the incarnation according to Paul in Philippians 2:5-11?