

God Comes: as a baby



Review: So far in our Mission of God series, we have heard how God created the world and all living things, called Abraham and the Israelites to be his people so that all might be blessed, and then rescued them from the clutches of Pharaoh in Egypt. Through Moses, his reign over the people was confirmed, but their subsequent waywardness received his judgement. The fall of Israel, the temple's destruction and the exile to Babylon marked the nadir, and the people began their long wait for the prophesied King to appear – one who would restore their fortunes and pre-eminence. 400 years later, God, greater than any King, came – but not as they had expected....



Discuss:

- God came into the world as a baby. Why? Share your perspectives.
- Read Luke 2:1-7, slowly and carefully – taking time to reflect on the words Luke uses. Which circumstances of Jesus's birth seem most surprising to you, on a fresh read?
- How does God's choice to come into his world as a baby affect your view of:
 - the value of human life?
 - God's character?
 - his death on the Cross?
- God's coming into the world as a vulnerable baby defied the expectations of Israel. How has God surprised you in your life and what difference has it made so far? What do you hope lies ahead?



Pray : Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you chose the humble and courageous path of being born as an infant into this dangerous world. May your coming into the world inspire us to follow you with confidence and nearness....to worship you with all of our hearts...and to live out the path you have set before us.