

# I Believe

Words strain  
Crack and break, under burden,  
Under tension, slip, slide, perish,  
Decay with imprecision, will not stay in place  
Will not stay still  
T.S. Elliot – Four Quartets

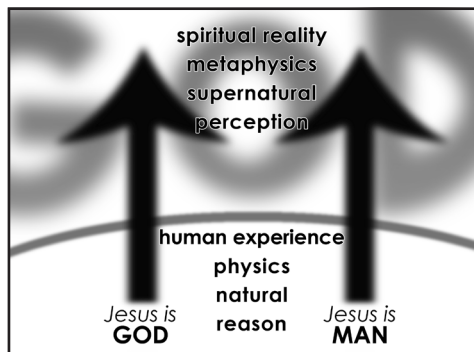
## A Christmas Collision The Natural

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to his own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7

## The Supernatural

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" 16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. John 1:14-18



## Kicene Creed - 381

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

## Give and Receive

### Reflection

Slow down to discover, wonder and be in awe of the mystery of incarnation

### Worship

Adore King Jesus

### Growth

Reinvent your life to correspond with Jesus' commands, teachings, & example

### Salvation

Confess and repent for the forgiveness of sins

### Declaration

Acknowledge your alliance and faith through baptism

### Anticipation

Prepare for His return as King ~ Judge and your citizenship in His kingdom

### Discovery

Begin your journey to expand your understanding of the Gospel

## Next Steps

For Further Study:

The Case for Christmas ~ Lee Strobel

The Case for the Real Jesus ~ Lee Strobel

10 Answers for Skeptics ~ Alex McFarland

The Reason for God ~ Timothy Keller

Orthodoxy ~ G.K. Chesterton