

**The Misfits of Christmas**  
**“The Manger... An Unlikely Setting”**  
**Luke 2:1-7**

So unlikely and so uncomfortable



Exactly what God wanted

“He became what we are that He might make us what He is.”  
Saint Athanasius (300 A.D.)

**Questions to Ponder**

What strikes you most from our scripture and sermon today?

- Give some thought to why you are drawn to this.
- What might God be saying through this?

What is most challenging to you in considering God becoming human and living as we live to win us back to himself?

In what ways did Mary and Joseph understand being unwelcome as a misfit?

- How would this be then true of Jesus himself?

If it's true, that Jesus knows life as we know life.

- What difference does this make in your life?
- How can this give us confidence in our relationship with God?

How has Jesus coming influenced, affected, or changed your life?

- What difference does it make?

Spend some time reflecting on:

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT) “You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.”

Hebrews 4:15-16 (CEV) “Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin!

<sup>16</sup>So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help.”

***This week please read the introduction and first chapter of our advent guide.***