



## **Eagle - The True God**

### **Key idea:**

Jesus, the Eagle, is the One True God, our Creator and Redeemer, Who became human for us and our salvation.

### **Key text:**

John 1:1–5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it... <sup>14</sup> 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.

Psalm 49:7–9

No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him — <sup>8</sup> the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough — <sup>9</sup> that he should live on forever and not see decay.

Hebrews 2:14–15

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

### **Key points:**

1. The Eagle is a creature of the heavens rather than the earth, so it is a symbol to represent the Deity of Jesus Christ.
2. John begins his Gospel with the Deity of Jesus because one can not begin to understand Jesus and His Work until it is grasped that Jesus is God Himself. This is the fundamental fact about Jesus - He is One with the One True God.
3. In the Incarnation, the Eternal Son of God, the Word, became truly and fully human, without ceasing to be truly and fully God.

4. The Redeemer must be truly, fully God so that His obedience and suffering would be of infinite value, He would be able to bear the full wrath of God against sin, and overcome Satan and death.
5. Because Jesus is truly and fully both human and Divine, His work in our behalf is of infinite value. He has obeyed and suffered in our place, fully paid our infinite debt, and defeated Satan and death so that we are free children of God.

**Questions for discussion/application:**

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Is Jesus truly God? Is He really the Eternal Creator, or just the first and highest of God's creatures?
3. Does it really matter if Jesus is truly and fully God? Why or why not?
4. If Jesus is not truly and fully God, can He satisfy the debt of our sin and redeem us? Why or why not?
5. If Jesus is not truly and fully God, can He bear the full wrath of God against sin? Why or why not?
6. If Jesus is not truly and fully God, can He overcome Satan and death? Why or why not?
7. What practical effect is there in knowing that Jesus is the Man, Lion, Ox, and Eagle - the True Human, King, Servant, and God? What difference does this make in your standing before God?
8. If you had to pick one thing you have learned during this series which has had the most impact on you, what would it be?
9. Can you think of someone with whom you can share what you have learned during Advent? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share His Word - and invite them to a meeting.

**Christmas Eve: The Beauty and Glory of Jesus Christ**

**Our Next Series: Prodigal**

**Preview of next week: The Father's Heart (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)**