

# Simply Put, What is a Christian?

## The 12th Day of Christmas(ish)

January 7, 2024

### Mark 1v1-11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight",

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

### Mere Christianity Book Groups

HOSTS	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	LOCATION
Karin & Kyle Ball	Wednesdays	6 to 7:30pm	7045 Garden Valley Dr. 59602
Steph Morrison	Tuesdays	6 to 7:30pm	1123 Townsend Ave. Helena 59601
Paul & Lea Gorsuch	Thursdays (Jan 18, 25; Feb 1, 8); Mondays (Feb 12 & 19)	6 to 7:30pm	5339 Harbor Lane 59602 (runs parallel to York Rd. Brown condos on the Hauser Lake side of the road - at north end.)
Steve & Trina Youde	Wednesdays	6 to 7:30pm	43 Greenwood Trail (Clancy)

\* Beginning the week of January 15th!

A God who wants to be with?

The Feast of Theophany

What's the big deal about the trinity?

C.S. Lewis in  
*Mere Christianity*

"Somethings are best  
understood by doing."

Three dimensions: length, width, height

But a 4th dimension?

"Super Personal"

How a cube can help us  
understand God's "triune" nature.

Your senior year of  
high school, life  
after death, and  
Christian hope

John 14v18-20  
I will not leave you orphaned; I am  
coming to you. In a little while the  
world will no longer see me, but you  
will see me; because I live, you also  
will live. On that day you will know  
that I am in my Father, and you in  
me, and I in you.

How might you be able to  
experiment with finding joy in  
God's presence?

**Books:** *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis; *Digital Minimalism* by Cal Newport

**Songs:** O Come All Ye Faithful, Mightier, Doxology, Holy Spirit, Holy, Holy, Holy, Multiplied

**Looking to Connect?**: One of the staff would love to meet for a walk, on the phone, or for a beverage. To schedule a time please visit our website and click on the "Meet with Staff" button on the home page.