

Presents are tricky business...

1. God's present is a Word

Jesus "words" God to us, because Jesus is God to us

2. God's present is tricky to give.

The "word became flesh" is God sized humiliation

Would you become an ant to save the ant colony?

"though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Phil 2:6-8

3. God's present is tricky to receive

The present you want vs present you need

"Jesus is only for the bad people"

It depends on how much you think you need Jesus

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, v12.

Jesus is two presents in one - salvation and family