

Sermon 2007 Christmas Day
Text: Heb. 1:3
Theme: "Radiating the Glory of God"

Hebrews 1:1-3

*"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.**"*

"It's like squeezing a jelly doughnut. It's got to come out somewhere." That is how Horace Hummel, author of "The Word Becoming Flesh," once described the incarnation. How could something as frail as humanity contain God? That is the greatest miracle of all. But like that jelly in the center of the doughnut, God cannot be contained.

That is what the author of Hebrews was expressing when he said that Jesus ***"is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power."*** This day is about so much more than a baby born in a manger. Yes God became flesh in a humble way but the miracle would be just as grand if he had become flesh in the most