



## QA: Why No Icons for Christmas? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### **QUESTION: Why do you not have statues or icons of Jesus or a creche at Christmas?**

### **ANSWER: Because God condemns them.**

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. (**1 John 5:20-21**)

Idolatry puts emphasis on external appearance, which God forbids in His case.

#### 1. **The resurrected Jesus proved His body was raised** when He told His Apostles:

"Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." (**Luke 24:39**)

His body was never described!

#### 2. **God had made His position on idolatry clear** to the Israelites when He said:

"Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage." (**Deuteronomy 4:15-19**)

To Christians God wrote:

Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie,

and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (**Romans 1:22-25**)

NOTHING IN THE CREATION SHOULD BE USED TO REPRESENT THE CREATOR!

### 3. **Jesus emphasized:**

"The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (**John 4:23-24**)

- GOD SHOULD NOT BE PHYSICALLY REPRESENTED, BECAUSE HE IS SPIRIT;
- JESUS ON EARTH IS NEVER PHYSICALLY DESCRIBED;
- THEREFORE **ALL ATTEMPTS TO REPRESENT GOD PHYSICALLY OR JESUS' PHYSICAL BODY IS NOTHING BUT CONDEMNED IDOLATRY!**

**If not, why not?**

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