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- Born in a cave or caravansareh (Lk 2:7)
- Laid in a manger (Lk 2:7)
- First witnessed by shepherds (Lk 2:16)
- Born into poverty (Lk 2:24; Lev 12:8)
- First worshipped by foreigners (Matt 2:11)

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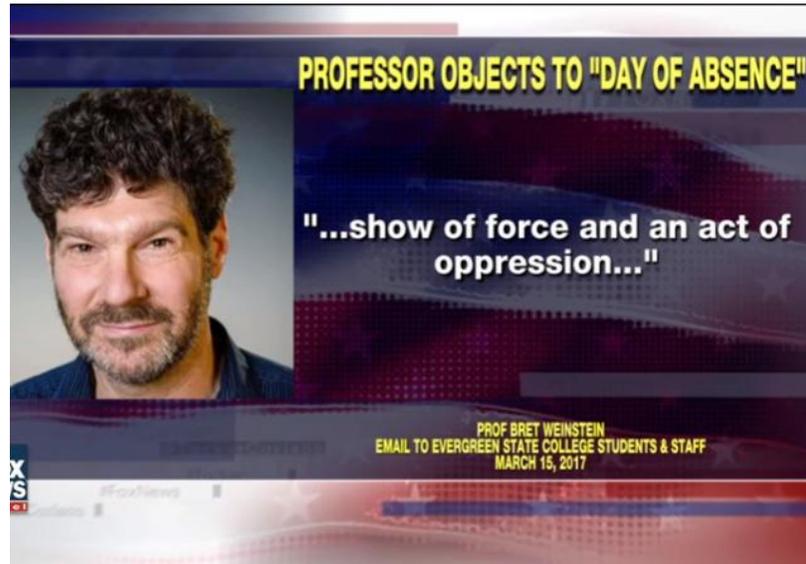
- Named by God (Lk 2:21) (Matt 1:25, see Col 4:11 for the common nature of this name)
- Conceived by Holy Spirit (Lk 1:31)
- Chosen by God (Matt 2:6) i (Lk 2:7)
- A sign from God (Lk 2:12)
- Proclaimed by angels (Lk 2:9) 2:16)
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“Classroom conversations that once might have begun, ***I think A, and here is my argument***, now take the form, ***Speaking as an X, I am offended that you claim B***. This makes perfect sense if you believe that identity determines everything. It means that there is no impartial space for dialogue.”

- Mark Lilla, professor, Columbia University

GENETIC FALLACY:

Judging something as good or bad on the basis of where it comes from or from whom it comes.



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“Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer Me.” And they discussed it with one another, saying,

“If we say, ‘From heaven’, He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’

But shall we say, ‘From man?’—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet.

So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” (Mk 11:30-33)

JOHN 9 The Blind Man at the Pool of Siloam

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this Man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “Whether He is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?” ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, **but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.**” ³⁰ The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. ”

(Jhn 9:24–30)

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness about Me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not among My sheep.

27 **My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

29 **My Father, who has given them to Me**, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. **30** I and the Father are one.” (Jhn 10:22–30)