

"A Child Born to Die"

Jesus came to pay the penalty (for all sin, for all time, for all people), by His death on the cross; and three days later, He came out of the grave alive, demonstrating eternal life for all who believe in Him.

John 1:29, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Luke 4:22, "

Micah 5:2, "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah [*Hebrew = fruitful*]... from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."

Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."

Isaiah 9:6, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

See Isaiah 53:4-7, 11-12...

Read Hebrews 1:1-3...

Jesus' birth happened just as God had announced through the prophets, (**Galatians 4:4-5**), "when the time had fully come (i.e., at just the right time), God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."

Politically –

Culturally –

Spiritually –

Luke 2:52, "And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

Luke 3:22, God declared from heaven, "You are My Son, whom I love, with You I am well pleased."

Colossians 1:16, "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him."

Revelation 5:5, "one of the elders said to me, 'Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.'" **6-7**, "Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne... He came and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne." **9**, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation."

Colossians 1:20, "to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven."

See **John 1:1-2...** "Word" [*Logos*] means Jesus is God's revelation of Himself to the world; He is the final testimony from God to mankind about God's salvation

See **John 1:4....** Jesus Christ is the Creator who is eternally existent. That is, in a way, the awesome nature of God's name "I AM," (**Exodus 3:14**).

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Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." **17-18**, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore."

John 8:12, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

1John 1:5-9, "This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

See **Hebrews 1:3b...** Christ is (**Colossians 1:15**), "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation," **17**, "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together," **2:9**, "in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form."

See **Hebrews 1:3c...** Jesus created all things by His own Word.

Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

See **Hebrews 1:3d...** Jesus Christ fulfilled His sovereign work (**Hebrews 9:12**), "through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption," (**Hebrews 10:12**), "having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, [He] sat down at the right hand of God."

Jesus was put to death on a cross, buried, and on the third day He came out of the tomb alive, and He began showing Himself to His followers over a 40 day period; after which, He ascended back into heaven.

Christmas is about God's Greatest Gift: the Lamb of God, who was born for the purpose of laying down His own life, as full payment for our sins.

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1John 5:11-13, "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

2Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

The word "*Christmas*" is formed from two words: Christ and mass.

Christ is the Messiah; and *mass* means a religious observance.

Christmas is a celebration in honor and praise and worship of Jesus Christ, God's Son, Lord and Savior: crucified, resurrected, and coming again, to take all those who believe Him to live with Him in heaven, forever!

And that is why we can and should say, Merry Christmas!

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