



And That's What Christmas is All About

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Christmas is...

1. the incarnation of The Eternal Creator to bring us I _____ and I _____

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶ There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the light, but *came* that he might bear witness of the light.

⁹ There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

¹³ who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

¹⁶ For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

2. the birth of The Savior to bring s _____ to a world of sinners

Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² To Abraham was born Isaac; and to Isaac, Jacob; and to Jacob, Judah and his brothers;

³ and to Judah were born Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and to Perez was born Hezron; and to Hezron, Ram;

⁴ and to Ram was born Amminadab; and to Amminadab, Nahshon; and to Nahshon, Salmon;

⁵ and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse;

⁶ and to Jesse was born David the king. And to David was born Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of Uriah;

⁷ and to Solomon was born Rehoboam; and to Rehoboam, Abijah; and to Abijah, Asa;

⁸ and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat; and to Jehoshaphat, Joram; and to Joram, Uzziah;

⁹ and to Uzziah was born Jotham; and to Jotham, Ahaz; and to Ahaz, Hezekiah;

¹⁰ and to Hezekiah was born Manasseh; and to Manasseh, Amon; and to Amon, Josiah;

¹¹ and to Josiah were born Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon, to Jeconiah was born Shealtiel; and to Shealtiel, Zerubbabel;

¹³ and to Zerubbabel was born Abihud; and to Abihud, Eliakim; and to Eliakim, Azor;

¹⁴ and to Azor was born Zadok; and to Zadok, Achim; and to Achim, Eliud;

¹⁵ and to Eliud was born Eleazar; and to Eleazar, Matthan; and to Matthan, Jacob;

¹⁶ and to Jacob was born Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ Therefore all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to *the time of Christ* fourteen generations.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

...²¹ ...you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."

3. the visitation of The King that He might r _____ in us forever

Luke 1:1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word have handed them down to us,

³ it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus;

⁴ so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

⁶ And they were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

⁷ And they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.

⁸ Now it came about, while he was performing his priestly service before God in the *appointed* order of his division,

⁹ according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering.

¹¹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

¹² And Zacharias was troubled when he saw *him*, and fear gripped him.

¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.

¹⁴ "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

¹⁵ "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother's womb.

¹⁶ "And he will turn back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.

¹⁷ "And it is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this *for certain*? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I have been sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news.

²⁰ "And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their proper time."

²¹ And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple.

²² But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute.

²³ And it came about, when the days of his priestly service were ended, that he went back home.

²⁴ And after these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant; and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying,

²⁵ "This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked *with favor* upon *me*, to take away my disgrace among men."

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth,

²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

...³² ... the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end."

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