

Why Christmas?

Introduction: I think it's safe to say that almost everyone loves Christmas. We see signs that read, "It's the most wonderful time of the year, or Season's Greetings and so on. My question is "Why?" What makes it so wonderful? This morning, I want us to consider the answer to the question "Why Christmas?" And "Why would Jesus leave the majesty of heaven to become a man and live in this sinful world?"

FIRST: Jesus came to _____ a _____.

Genesis 2:7-9 ⁷ *And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.* ⁸ *The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.* ⁹ *And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

Genesis 2:15-18 ¹⁵ *Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.* ¹⁶ *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* ¹⁸ *And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."*

Genesis 2:24-25 ²⁴ *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

²⁵ *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

Isaiah 14:12-14 ¹² *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'*

Genesis 3:15 ¹⁵ *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

John 8:44 ⁴⁴ *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

SECOND: Jesus came to rescue lost people from _____
Luke 19:10 ¹⁰ *“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

John 3:17 ¹⁷ *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.* **John 3:36**

³⁶ *He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”*

Three things we learn from these Scriptures: 1. Jesus is the One who **seeks** the lost. 2. Jesus is the One who **saves** the lost. 3. We are the ones who are **lost**.

FINALLY: Jesus came to _____ the love of His Father and to freely give eternal life to all who believe and repent. **John**

3:16 ¹⁶ *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

The “Why” of Christmas is also answered in Philippians 2:6-11. I call this the other Christmas story. ⁶ *who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,* ⁷ *but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.* ⁸ *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.* ⁹ *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,* ¹⁰ *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,* ¹¹ *and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Regardless of what the world thinks, Christmas is all about **Jesus**. Jesus laid aside His kingly robe and came to the earth as a poor baby born in a stable to a poor couple. He grew up like every other child. He endured hardship, suffering, and temptation like every other person, yet without sin. And at the appointed time He gave Himself as a perfect sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins. He was buried, and on the third day He was raised from the dead for our justification. **He came for you over 2000 years ago. Will you come to Him today.**

2 Corinthians 6:2 ² *For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.”*