

A LIGHT THAT OVERCOMES
Manger Things – Part 1 of 4

KEY OBSERVATION #1: The tension is that Christmas **EXAGGERATES** all the **BAD**. But at the same time, **POINTS** us to something that's absolutely **INCREDIBLE**.

Christmastime reminds us of a few things:

1. There are **PROBLEMS** we can't **SOLVE**.
2. There are **PEOPLE** we can't **CONTROL**.
3. There are **EXPECTATIONS** we can't **MEET**.

KEY OBSERVATION #2: Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, but not because of what is **GOING** to happen. Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year because of **WHAT** has happened.

KEY OBSERVATION #3: Christmas is not the most wonderful time of the year, because of who is physically with us. It's the most wonderful time of the year because at Christmas we are reminded of **WHO IS FOR US**.

"... God is love..." 1 John 4:16

"30 Jesus did many other miracles in the presence of his followers that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31

"4 In him was life and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5

THE BOTTOM LINE: In the midst of all of our darkness, Jesus is life and light who **OVERCOMES** darkness.