



A SERIES OF CHRISTMAS MESSAGES BY DR. JOE K. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR
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God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.
Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets.
All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. • Pastor Joe's email is Joe@southreno.com.

A. The Text

John 1:1–14, NASB95 - 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 through 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 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 as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the Light, but he came to testify about 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 saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

B. The Message

1. The Miracle

God became human and lived on Earth among us!

A. Jesus' relationship with God.

Jesus is eternally God. "In the beginning was the Word..." v. 1a

Jesus is equally God. "... and the Word was with God..." v. 1a

Jesus is essentially God. "... and the Word was God..." v. 1c

Jesus (the one born of a virgin) is God!

B. Jesus' relationship with creation.

Jesus is the sole creator. "All things were made through Him." v. 3

Jesus is light and life. ³ All things came into being through 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.

Jesus is the sole creator and giver of life!

2. The Mission

John 1:10–13, NASB95 - 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.

A. Some will reject Jesus "[Some]...did not receive Him..." v. 11b

B. Some will receive Jesus "[Some]...received Him..." v. 12a

*Jesus came to show us The Way!**

John 14:5–6, NASB95 - ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

We can choose either life or death; light or darkness—
but we must choose! Choose Christ This Christmas!