

DECEMBER 18, 2022
10:30 AM

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

THE “WHAT” OF CHRISTMAS
JOHN 14:1-14



When it comes to the “what” of Christmas, we often focus on what are you doing for Christmas? Plans? Family? Gifts? This misses weight and reality of Christmas. The “what” of Christmas is salvation. It is life. It is eternal life! This is ultimately what Jesus offers to all who believe.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Songs of Praise

Angels From the Realms of Glory
O Come All Ye Faithful

Confession of Faith

New City Catechism #51

Q. What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A. Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those

who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

References - 1 Thessalonians 4:13–14

Offering

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Please prayerfully consider an online offering

Song of Declaration

Noel

Advent Reading - *The Shepherd's Candle*

Luke 2:15-17

Reading by Zach and Melissa Melton

Confession of Sin

Blessed Lord Jesus, No human mind could conceive or invent the gospel. Acting in eternal grace, you are both its messenger and its message, lived out on earth through infinite compassion, applying your life to insult, injury, death, that I might be redeemed, ransomed, freed. Blessed are you, O Father, for contriving this way, eternal thanks to thee, O Lamb of God, for opening this way, praise everlasting to thee, O Holy Spirit, for applying this way to my heart. Glorious trinity, impress the gospel on my soul, until its virtue diffuses every faculty; Let it be heard, acknowledged, professed, and felt.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

Children's Message

Sermon - *The "What" of Christmas*

Sermon Scripture - [John 14:1-14](#)

Introduction

- ◊ *Christianity is a contentious faith which requires an all or nothing commitment to Jesus as the one and only incarnation of the Son of God." He continues, "Christians are uncompromising, ornery, militant,*

The Way

- What do the “I am” sayings tell us about Jesus?
 - [John 1:29](#)
- What is the context of this passage and why does it matter?
 - [John 4:25-26](#)
 - [John 10:10](#)
- How does the Old Testament help us understand the work and person of Jesus Christ?
What Old Testament passages can help us?
 - [Genesis 3:15](#), [Genesis 22](#), [Psalm 22](#), [Isaiah 7](#), [Isaiah 53](#), [Zechariah 3](#)

The Truth

- Why did John write his gospel ([John 20:30-31](#))?
- Why should we believe John?
 - [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)
- What is the theme of John and how does this passage fit into that theme?
 - *The theme of John's gospel is that Jesus is the long awaited, promised Messiah and Son of God. By believing in Jesus, people have eternal life. - ESV Bible summary*
 - [John 10:31-39](#), [Luke 9:22](#), [John 2:18-22](#), [John 14:1-4](#), [John 10:27-30](#)

The Life

- Why can Jesus make the claim that He is the life?
 - [Matthew 1:18-25](#)
- What question does Jesus answer in this passage?
 - [John 10:10](#)
- What must we do in order to be saved?
 - [John 15:4-5](#)

Song of Response

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Benediction

1. Why is it important to focus on the entire ministry of Christ in the Christmas story as opposed to just the birth of Christ?
2. What happens when we don't have a proper understand of the weight of our sin?
3. How does God's plan of salvation glorify God?
4. Read [Ephesians 1:4-6](#). What do we learn about our election?
5. What is the significance of Jesus' statement in [John 19:30](#)?
6. Who is one person that you could invite to participate in a Christmas service this year?