True Story — Holy Moment

December 23, 2023 Pastor Doyle Jackson

God is Great and Marvelous*

Christmas Reading - Together

"Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord,
and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed."

For we know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that we were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to us from our ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for our sake. Through him we believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so our faith and hope are in God.

*Revelation 15:3b-4: 1Peter 1:18-21

I. The Light Has Come

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world

II. Jesus' Birth

Luke 2:6-12 (NIV) *Birth in Bethlehem...***6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were

terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

III. God With Us

Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV) The Incarnation of Jesus... Christ Jesus:

- **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- **7** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!

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Christmas Prayer:

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