

**Why Christmas?
Jesus Came
*John 1:14***

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

John 1:14 (NIV): ¹⁴The 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.

made his dwelling = “pitched his tabernacle”

truth = “corresponding to reality”

MAIN POINT:

God is with us.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

1 Kings 8:10-11 (NIV): ¹⁰When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. ¹¹And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Psalms 73:16-17 (NIV): ¹⁶When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply ¹⁷till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 1:18-19 (NIV): ¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:35 (NIV): ³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”

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SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 1:20-21 (NIV): ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Jesus = “salvation”

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SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 1:22-25 (NIV): ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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