



Announcing the Upside Down Christmas

Luke 2:8-14



The Upside Down Recipients: God Can Use Anyone (*Luke 2:8-9*)

Appearance of God's Glory in the Old Testament:

— *Exodus 16:7, 10*

— *Exodus 24:16-17*

— *Exodus 40:34*

— *Isaiah 40:3-5*

— *Habakkuk 2:14*



And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

— Ephesians 2:1–3



But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

— Ephesians 2:4–7

How is God using you for His purposes today?

The Upside Down Announcement: The God-Man in a Manger (*Luke 2:10–14*)

This Upside-Down Announcement points to a “high Christology”

Born in the city of David

And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

— **2 Samuel 7:11b–12**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

— **Matthew 1:1**

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A Savior

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. — Matthew 1:21

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

— 1 Timothy 1:15

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. — Luke 19:10

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Christ

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;*

*he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.*

— **Genesis 3:15**

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The Lord

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. — **John 1:1**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
— **Colossians 1:15**

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. — **Revelation 22:13**

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” — **John 20:28**

Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid.

— **Luke 23:53**

**The Upside-Down Announcement:
Jesus is the God-Man, he is God in a manger**

who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

— **Philippians 2:6–7**

This Upside-Down Announcement points to the “Hypostatic Union”

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son[a] from the Father, full of grace and truth. — **John 1:14**

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. — **Hebrews 2:17**

Hypostatic Union:

The one person of Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man.



How are you teaching and telling of the wonders of the Good News?

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

— *Matthew 28:18–20*



How are you treasuring Christ?

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied with Him" — John Piper

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

— Philipians 3:1
