



The DAY the WORLD CHANGED

AN ADVENT SERIES

ALL OR NOTHING

JOHN 1:9

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

SUMMARY:

The day Jesus was born changed the world. He came to change the lives of all who believe in Him. While Jesus draws people to Himself, He never forces obedience. To believe, follow, love and serve Him are choices He allows individuals to make. Jesus presents clear and definitive choices! Chose today; All or Nothing!

JOHN 1:1-3

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

1. Jesus Existed in the Beginning!

The three statements of v.1 bring out three different aspects of the nature of the Word. The first speaks of his *preexistence*, the second of his *distinctiveness*, and the third of his *deity*.

Expositors Bible Commentary, 2004.

2. All Things were Created through Jesus!

JOHN 1:3 NLT

God created everything through him...

MARK 9:23

All things are possible for one who believes.

3. Nothing was Created Except through Jesus!

JOHN 1:3 NLT

Nothing was created except through him.

JOHN 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Mark Batterson - *All In*

The Gospel costs nothing. You can't earn it or buy it. It can only be received as a free gift compliments of God's grace. It doesn't cost anything, but it demands everything. It demands that we go "all in," a term that simply means placing all that you have into God's hands. And that's where we get stuck—spiritual no man's land. We're afraid that if we go all in that we might miss out on what this life has to offer. It's not true. The only thing you'll miss out on is everything God has to offer. And the good news is this: if you don't hold out on God, God won't hold out on you.

If Jesus is not Lord of all then Jesus is not Lord at all. It's all or nothing. It's now or never.

Batterson writes, "For many years, I thought I was following Jesus. I wasn't. I had invited Jesus to follow me. I call it inverted Christianity. And it's a subtle form of selfishness that masquerades as spirituality. That's when I sold out and bought in. When did we start believing that the gospel is an insurance plan? It's a daring plan. Jesus did not die just to keep us safe. He died to make us dangerous."

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! 20 You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life.

Life Application Guide

1. What have you learned about doing things halfway (something between all or nothing)?
2. Did Jesus do anything halfway? Did Jesus teach His disciples to do anything halfway?
3. On the scale of 0 to 100%, how sure are you of your salvation? If your assurance is less than 100%, what is the reason?
4. Did Jesus give 100% in being born? Did Jesus give 100% on the cross? Did He give 100% on the cross for you to be saved?
5. If you believe Jesus gave 100% of Himself on the cross to die in your place, offering you 100% forgiveness, is there any reason you couldn't be 100% sure of the gift of salvation He has given you?
6. If Jesus gave 100% and you believe 100%, is there any reason you wouldn't choose to be 100% All In? (Anything less than 100% is not All In!)
7. PRAY: Ask the Lord to help you be 100% obedient: All In, All the Time.