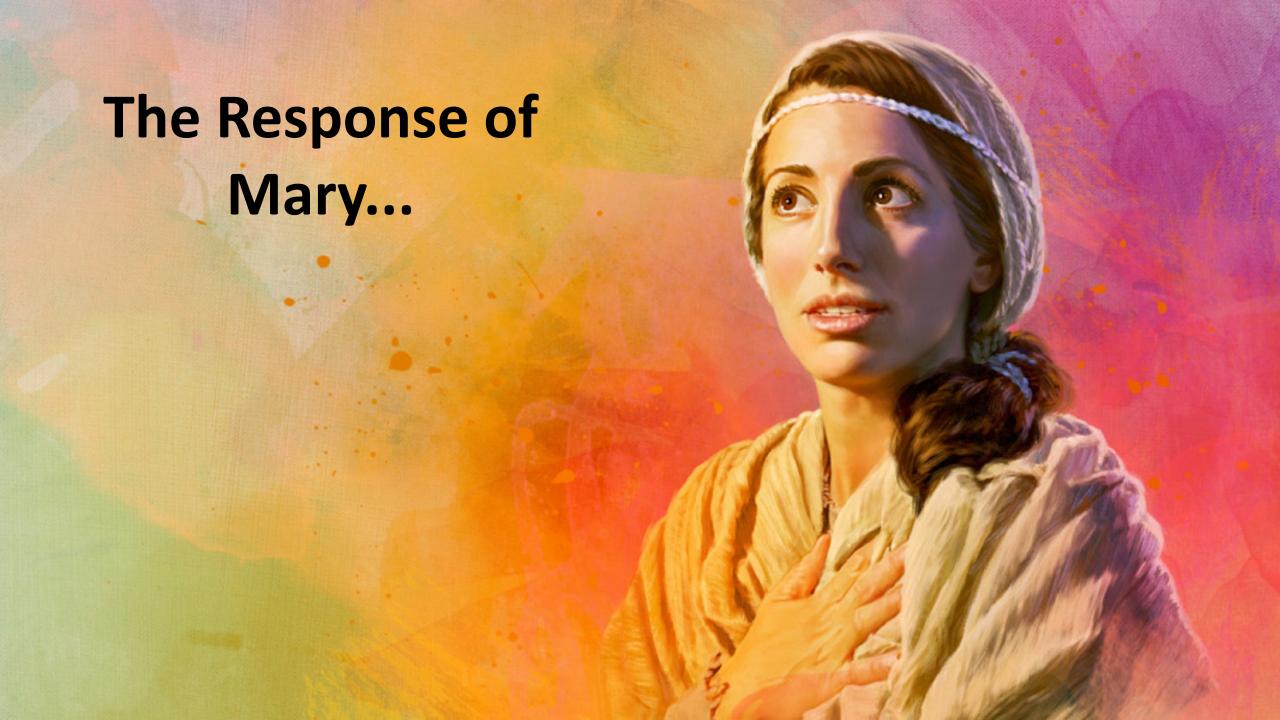
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"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of

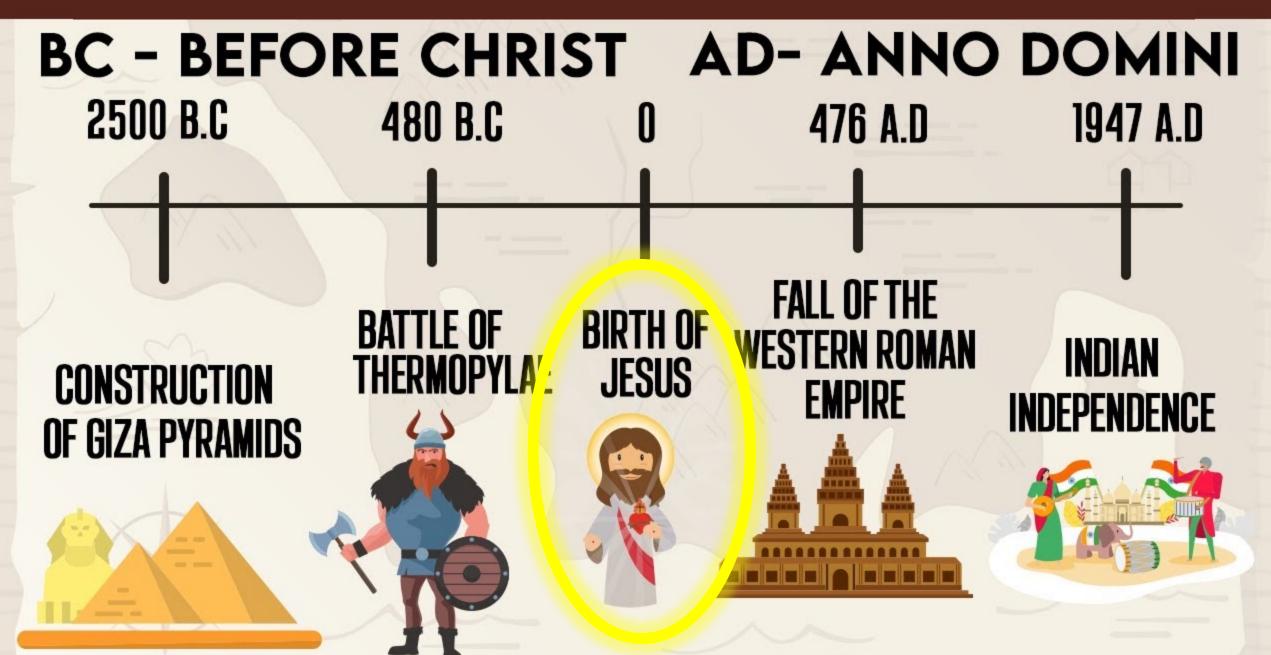
Philippians 2:5-11 (NLT)

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What Is So Special About Christmas?

CHRISTMAS IS THE CENTER-PIECE OF HISTORY

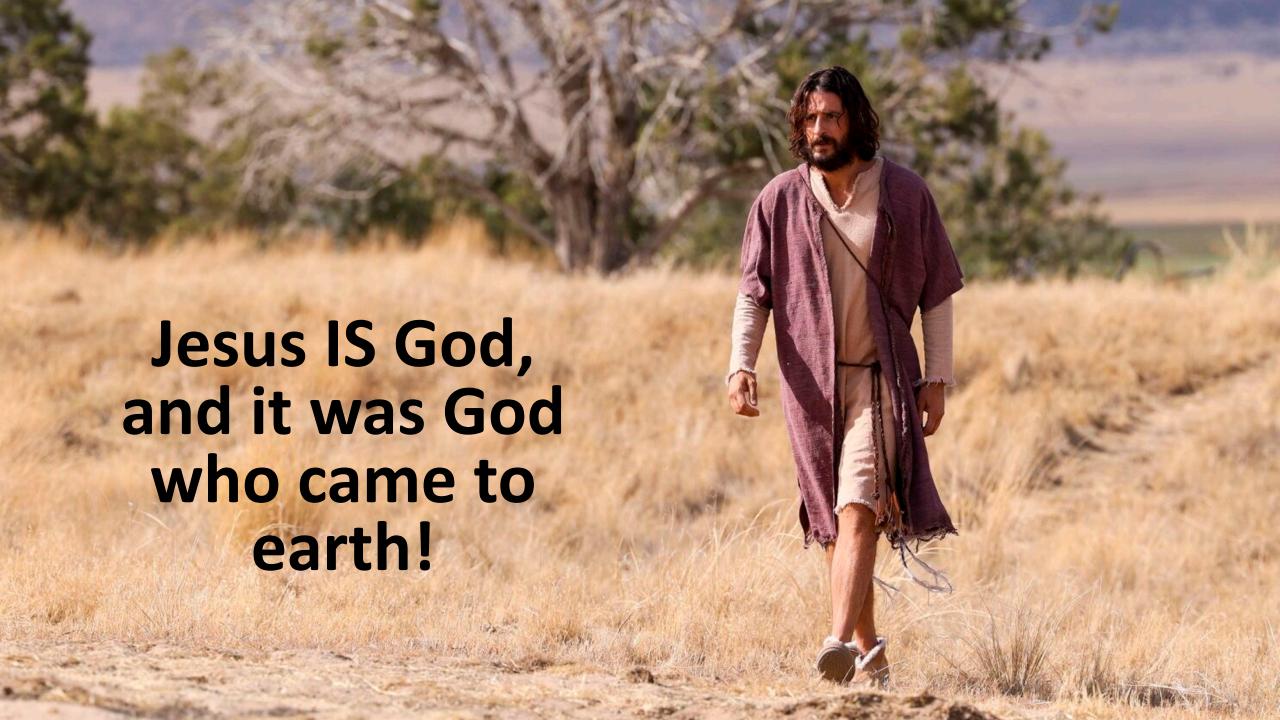


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"A Fantastic Reality"



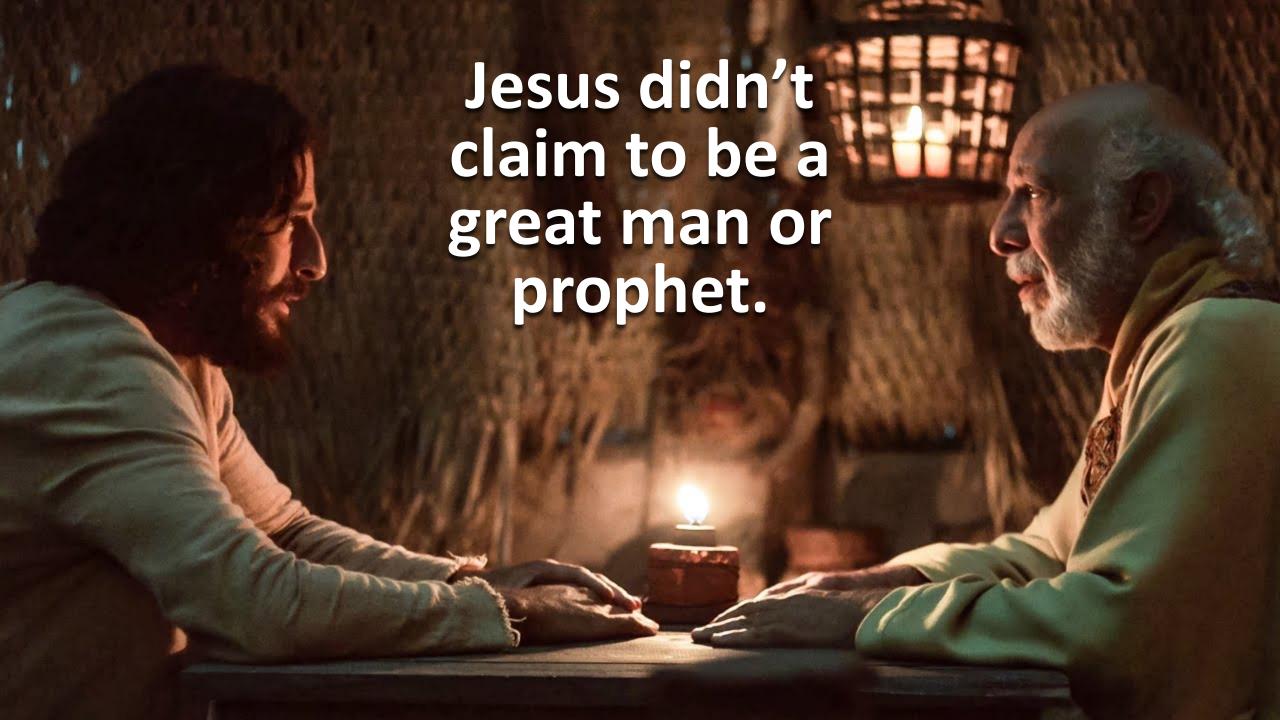
1. God Came to Earth

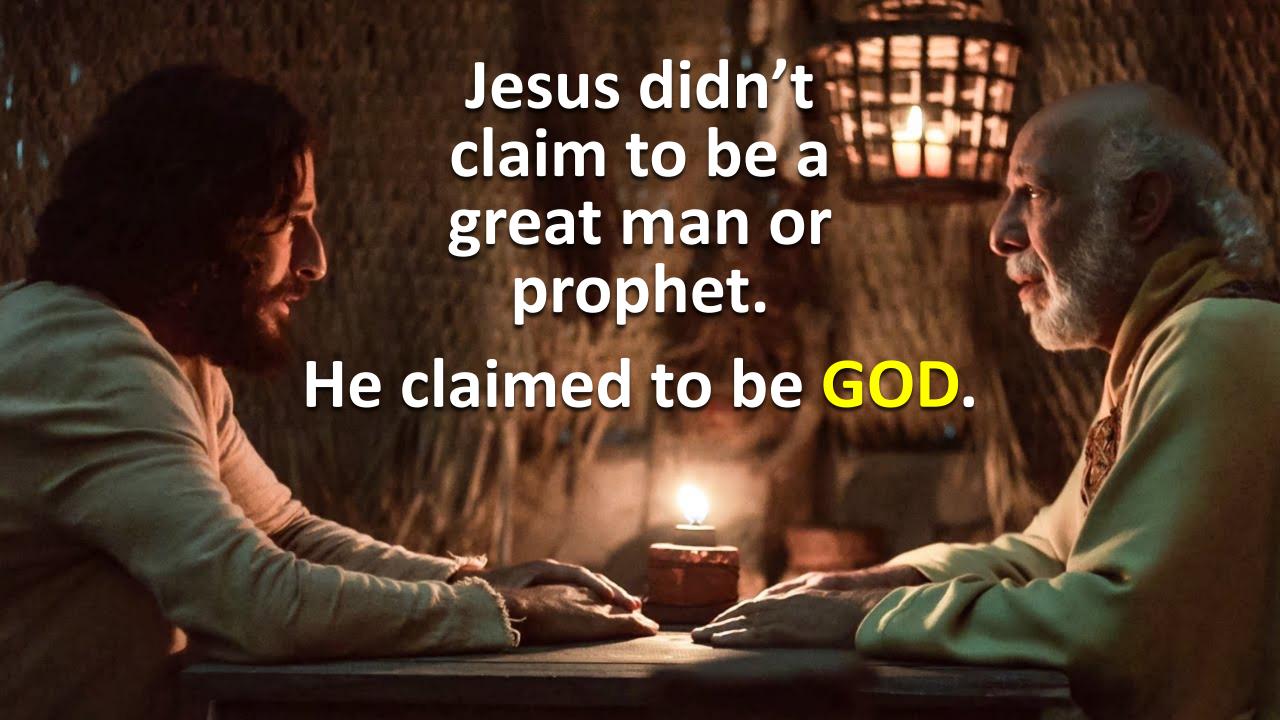


Philippians 2:6 (NLT) — "Though he was God..."

Philippians 2:6 (NIV) — "Who, being in very nature God..."

Philippians 2:6 (NKJV) — "who, being in the form of God..."





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John 10:30 (NLT) — "The Father and I are one."

John 10:33 (NLT) — "They replied, 'We're stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man, claim to be God."



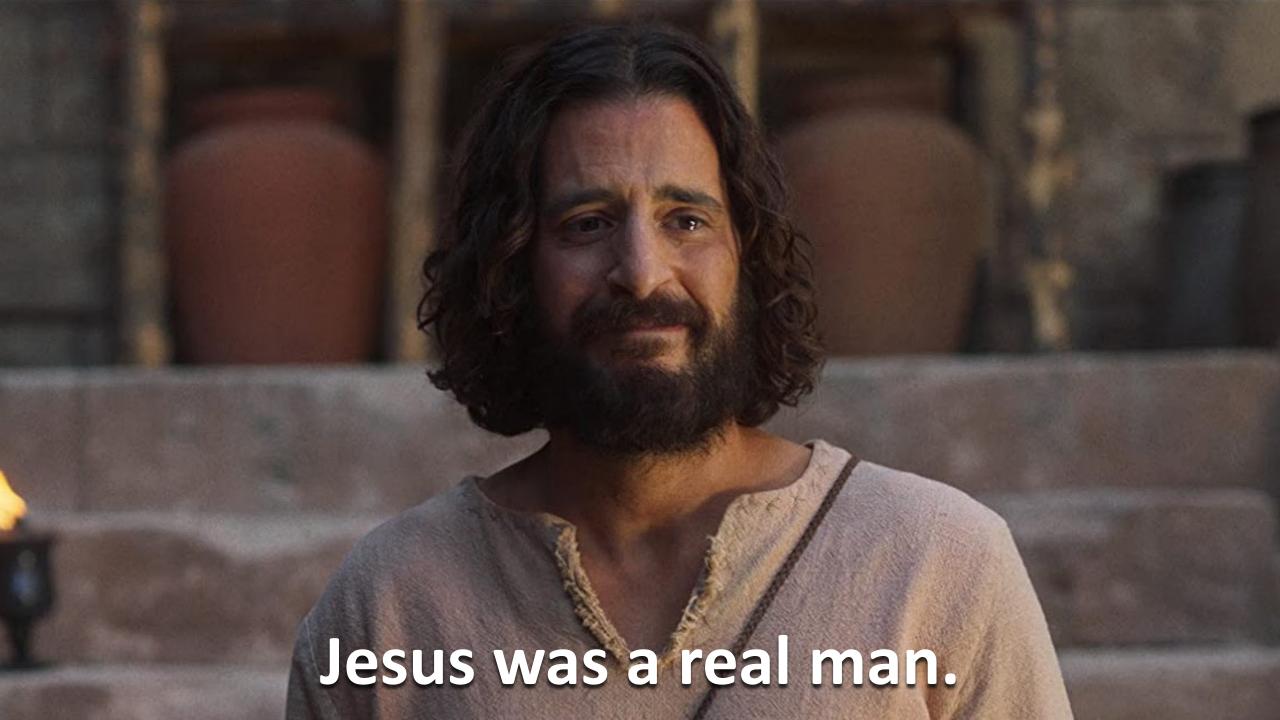
Colossians 1:16-17 (NLT) — "for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. 17 He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together."

John 8:58 (NLT) — "Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!"



2. God Became FLESH and BLOOD.

Philippians 2:7 (NLT) — "Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form"



John 1:1 (NLT) — "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:14 (NLT) — "So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."



HOW is Jesus like us?

- 1. He was **BORN** like us.
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Luke 2:52 (NLT) — "Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people."





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- 1. He was BORN like us.
- 2. He GREW like us.
- 3. He was TEMPTED like us.
- 4.

Hebrews 4:15 (NLT) — "This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin."



HOW is Jesus like us?

- 1. He was BORN like us.
- 2. He GREW like us.
- 3. He was TEMPTED like us.
- 4. He **SUFFERED** like us.

Matthew 26:38 (NLT) — "He told them, 'My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.'"

Jesus can relate to your pain, problems and pressures.



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3. Jesus Came with a PURPOSE.

Philippians 2:8 (NLT) — "he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."





Why did Jesus go to the cross?

1. To demonstrate God's love to us.

Romans 5:8 (NLT) — "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."





Why did Jesus go to the cross?

- 1. To demonstrate God's love to us.
- 2. To pay for our sins.

1 Peter 2:24 (NLT) — "He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed."

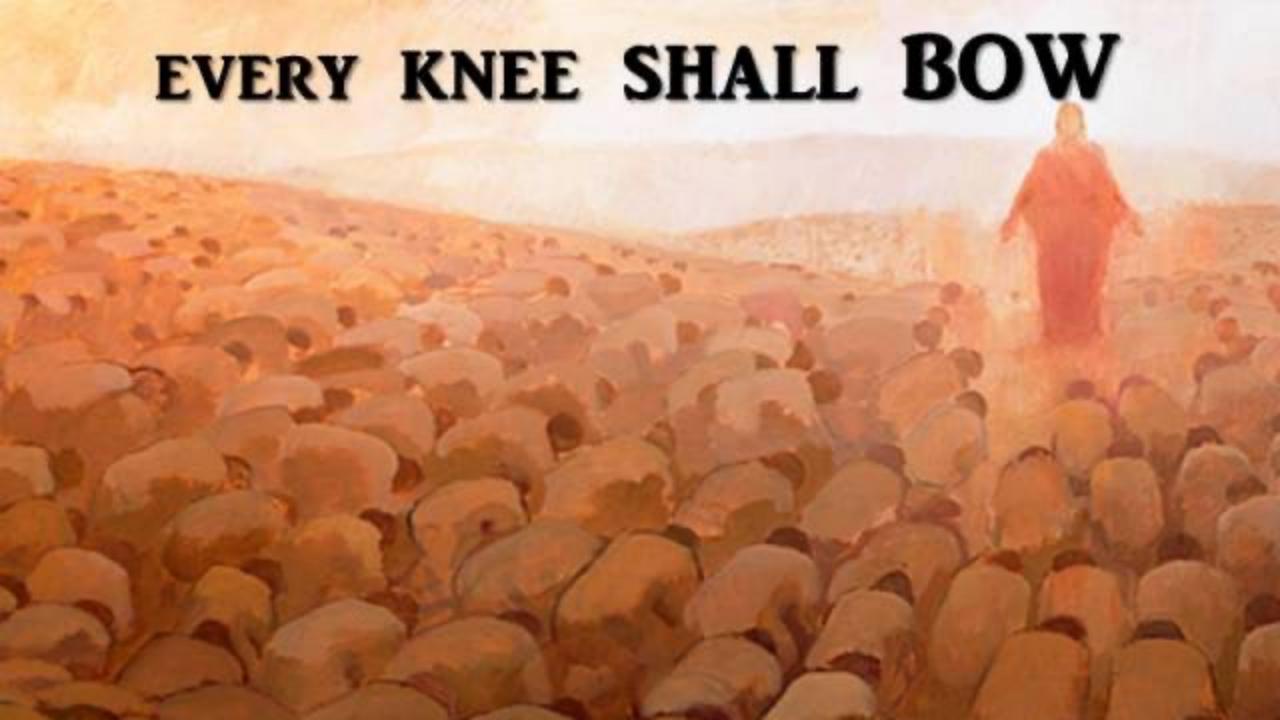
What Jesus did 2,000 years ago can make a difference in your life right now!



4. Jesus is LORD.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT) — "Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."







Not "Will"



But "When"

Romans 10:9 (NLT) — "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."



Admitting Jesus is Lord means:

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- 3. Commit all of my life to Him.



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