

Speaker: Warren Boettcher

Title: The Staggering Claims of Christmas

Text: John 1:14-18

Main Point: The miracle of Christ's birth is incredibly good news to be believed and treasured.

Major points:

The Word became flesh.

The Word revealed glory.

The Word brought grace.

Quote 1

"It is by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible...The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become man and join Himself to human nature forever will remain for eternity the most profound miracle and the most profound mystery in all the universe." Wayne Grudem (from *Systematic Theology*)

Quote 2

Hebrews 4:15-16 – *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we might receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

Quote 3

II Corinthians 4:6 – *"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."*

Quote 4

John 12:23 – *"And Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.'"*

John 13:31 – *"When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.'"*

Quote 5

Exodus 34:6 – *"The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'"*

Quote 6

"He did not come to tell us about grace, but actually to bring us grace...Jesus is not merely a teacher, an exhorter, a worker of grace and truth; but these heavenly things are in Him: He is full of them...Do not let us wander to other sources. Do not let us conceive that His grace and truth are exhausted; for His fullness is eternal. Let us quietly rest in the firm belief that all we need this moment and in all moments yet to come, is treasured up in Christ Jesus." Charles Spurgeon