

WITNESS THE MAJESTY

What Child Is This

Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 1:20-21

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The story starts 2,000 years before the birth of Jesus

How difficult is it for God to communicate His love to us?

How does He tell His children how much He loves them?

The answer is Christmas.

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law. Galatians 4:4 NIV

Why did God have to come in a body?

Born of a woman, as a baby

Born under the law

To redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Galatians 4:5 NIV

God was ready to do something personal.

This was personal. So God had to come in person.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 NIV

Why did Jesus have to die?

God needed to be born as a baby, die a violent death, resurrect and have it all documented so the story could not be easily dismissed.

We owe God a debt we can never pay back.

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Peter addressed a large group of people who supported the arrest and execution of Jesus.

You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life. Acts 3:13b-15a NIV

Jesus' death demonstrated the magnitude of our ingratitude and the magnitude of His love for us.

You cannot demonstrate great love without a great sacrifice.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:7-8 NIV

So when the set time had come,
When nobody was looking or expecting it,
When Rome had laid the groundwork for the word to spread,
When the Temple system was so corrupt...

A Jewish carpenter discovered that his fiancée was pregnant...what would he do?

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." Matthew 1:20-21 NIV

God had to come and be with us so we would **know** He loved us.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV