

Series: Christ The King

Title: The Real Story of Christmas

Text: (Heb 1:1-4; 2:9-10)

I love Christmas Time.

I Love the Decorations-Street Lights, businesses,
Trees & Bushes.

I Love the lights.

From Simple Homes, to Mansions.

I Love Christmas Music

I Love the Christmas Traditions

The Smell of Cinnamon, Pumpkin Pie Spice candles.
Peppermint Coffee and Candy

*We have a Tradition of watching certain Movies
each year.*

They have become Synonymous with the Season.

Miracle on 34th St - It's a Wonderful Life

A White Christmas - A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Story

Claymation: Santa Claus is Coming to town

Frostie the Snowman

A Charlie Brown Christmas

The Santa Claus

Home Alone 1,2,3

Prancer

Christmas is a Miracle, Not a Movie:

Christmas is a Miracle, Not a Myth:

The Miracle of Christ's Birth has changed our world.

For this one brief moment each year, the world
focuses their attention on the event that happened
2000 yrs ago in a small town in central Israel.

**The Real Christmas Story is about the Savior, Not
His Substitutes:**

It is usually thought of as a time for family and fun.

My fondest childhood memories are of our family
gathering for a meal, opening presents, & spending
time with each other.

Now that I am saved, It is a time for our family to
focus on The Point of Christmas: Jesus Christ.
Jesus Christ is The Reason for the Season.

Christmas is a Christian Observance.

As disciples of Christ, Christmas is Our Thing!
We Own Christmas.

Christmas is a Historical event.

Christmas is important History b/c its HIS STORY!

Our Text vs are not usually associated with Christmas
They are in the Classic sense of Christmas.
It defines who and what Jesus really is.
They are the Real Story of Christmas.

God Spoke to Us by His Prophets

(Heb 1:1-4)

I God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, The Prophets were the Spokesman for God. The Prophets were God's Press Secretary.

God had not left mankind w/o the message of Christmas.

Man has never been w/o a voice from God.

God selected, rare, special men, to trumpet the Christmas Message for 6500 years of human existence.

God has communicated the Christmas story through writing history that is now preserved in the bible.

Moses:

(Gen 3:16) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

(Deut 18:15) The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Isaiah:

(Is 9:6-7) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his

shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Micah

(Micah 5:2) But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Men selected by God for this purpose of being His Spokesman.

God them to tell the Christmas story to the people of their time, and for all the people throughout time.

God Now Speaks Through His Son

(Heb 1:2a) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,

God has spoken to us by this Special Person.

His Only Begotten Son. (John 3:16)

He is not just another prophet.

He is not just another teacher.

God has spoken by His Uniquely Born Son.

(Is 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Contemplate the Uniqueness of Christ

(John 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, (Logos-one of the descriptive titles for Christ) and the Word (Logos) was with God, and the Word (Logos) was God.

What is John Saying?

(John 1:1) In the beginning was Christ, and Christ was with God, and Christ was God.

(John 1:14) And the Word (Logos) was made flesh,

God, in the person of Christ, His Son,
His Uniquely Born Son,
His Only Begotten Son,
The Divine Son of God, ***was made flesh.***

And the Word [Christ] was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory,

[The Glory of the Son, The Glory of the Christ] the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

It is through Him.
This Special Son

This Special Son who IS the CHRIST.
God's Anointed One.
THAT GOD SPEAKS TO US!

Jesus Is God's Spokesman/Press Secretary:

(Heb 1:2a) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,

We know that the ***Last Days*** extend from the time of Christ's Birth in Bethlehem extending through now!

Who is this special person?

Jesus Christ, God the Son, Son of God.

What makes Him so special?

Jesus is not just The Spokesman for God, ...

Jesus is the Heir of God:

(Heb 2:b) whom he hath appointed heir of all things,

God has Dominion over everything.

God Owns Everything.

Illus: we Understand how inheritance works.

We all dream of having a long lost, billionaire uncle. The Ownership/Control of those items transfers to us.

Jesus Christ, **whom he hath appointed heir of all things** is the Sovereign of ALL THINGS!

Because Jesus Came,
Lived a sinless life,
Died a Substitutionary death.
We receive all of this credited to us at Salvation.
We are now Heirs of God b/c of Jesus.
(Gal 4:4-7)

When you think of how Special Jesus is...
He is the Spokesman of God.
He is the Heir of God.

Jesus is the Creator of the World

(Heb 1:2c) *by whom also he made the worlds;*
(John 1:3) *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*
(Gen 1:26) *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:*
Notice the Plural Pronouns. (Trinity)
Elohim is a plural word for God.
Not Polytheism, or Plurality of gods.
God is a triune being.
We are made in His image as a triune being also.

Jesus Christ is the Special Son of God as the...
Spokesman of God
Heir of God
Creator - God

These alone differentiates Jesus from all other persons who appear in Scripture.

Jesus Christ is the Special Son of God because...
Jesus is the Reflection of God's Glory
(Heb 1:3) *Who being the brightness of his glory, BRIGHTNESS, n. Splendor; luster; glitter.*
Jesus perfectly reflects the Majesty of God.

Jesus Christ is the Special Son of God because...
Jesus is the Express Image of God's Person
(Heb 1:3b) *and the express image of his person, Like a Mold. wax, plastic, direct image of the mold.*
Jesus is the express image of the essential being of God.

If you want to know about God, look at Jesus.
(John 14:8-11)
Jesus Christ is the Special Son of God because...
Jesus is the Commander & Chief of Creation
(Heb 1:3c) *and upholding all things by the word of his power,*
(Col 1:17) *And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

Jesus is the Sustainer of the Cosmos.

Jesus is the Law Giver.
Everything in the Cosmos operates according to the Laws God has established.
This is how scientist can predict eclipses, phases of the moon, the Tides, Etc.

There are no Laws without a Law Giver.

There are no Clocks without a Clock Maker.
*The Presence of a Clock proves the existence of the
Clock Maker.*

Jesus Christ is the Special Son of God because...
Jesus is the Redeemer of the Human Race
(Heb 3d) *when he had by himself purged our sins,*

(Matt 1:21) *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou
shalt call his name **JESUS: for he shall save his
people from their sins.***

Check Out His Plan

Even before His Birth, He was headed toward the
Cross of Calvary.

Check Out His Purpose - (Luke 19:10)

Here again is a brief, but powerful presentation of the
Real Christmas Story.

Jesus:

The Uniquely born Son of God
The Only Begotten Son of God
The Divine Son of God
The Spokesman of God
The Heir of God
The Creator - God
The Reflection of God's Glory
The Express Image of God's Person
The Commander & Chief of Creation
The Redeemer of people like you and me.

Let's face it, that makes Him pretty Special.
We would have no Hope of seeing Heaven.
We would have no Reason for existing.
Were it not for this Very Special Person who is the
Reason for this Holiday Season.

Jesus Christ is the Special Son of God because...
Jesus is the Advocate of Man to God
(Heb 1:3d) *sat down on the right hand of the Majesty
on high;*

Wait a second

Jesus Made this world.
Jesus Upholds this world.
Jesus was Born into this world.
Jesus Died in this world.
Jesus was Buried in this world.
Jesus arose from the Grave on the World.

How did He get to sit at the Father's side in Heaven?

Is this where Santa & his Reindeer come into play?

The Real Story of Christmas is that Jesus Ascended
to Heaven Supernaturally, 2000 yrs before the
Wright brothers figured out Aeronautics.

Jesus Ascended, literally, bodily, visibly to heaven.
Jesus was Exalted to sit on the Right Hand of God.

Jesus is our Intercessor, Pleading our case.

Jesus standing in our place, facing accusations of the devil for us. (Heb 7:24-25)

Jesus Christ is the Special Son of God because...

Jesus is Greater than the Angels of God

(Heb 1:4) ***Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.***

Angels serve a purpose.

They serve the King.

(Heb 1:9-10) *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels*

[In Human Flesh]

for the suffering of death, [Purpose of His Coming]

crowned with glory & honour; [Exalted]

that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. [As Our Substitute]

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, [Purpose of Creation]

and by whom are all things, [Origin of Creation]
in bringing many sons unto glory, [fulfill God's Plan]

to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. [Complete]

(Heb 1:8-11)

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, [Speaking of Jesus] is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And, Thou, Lord, [Speaking of Jesus] in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; [Speaking of Jesus]

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. [Speaking of Jesus]

We see Jesus Superior to the Angels because He is God.

Jesus Christ is the Special Son of God because...

The Real Story of Christmas is about Jesus.

I suppose it is about Family Time Too because Jesus came to Save us & bring many Sons & Daughters into the Family of God.

(Matt 1:21) *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.***

Jesus did all that so unworthy people like me & you,
with out hope,
without out any claim to Eternal Life,
could be redeemed.

The Amazing True Story if Christmas is the
redeeming of souls into the Family of God.

What a wonderful story.

The Real Story of Christmas.

Not a Fable or Fiction.

The Real Story Excites us as a Christian to Live for
Christ!

The Real Story Energizes us as a Christian to Serve
Christ!

The Real Story Evangelizes those who don't know
Christ!

The Real Story Edifies us as a Christian to be Strong
in Christ!

The Other Reason for the Season seems so Ridiculous
when The Real Story of Christmas is so Precious,
Powerful, & Personal.

Do You know the Real Christmas Story?
Have you Believed the Real Christmas Story?
Will you tell others the Real Christmas Story?