

Tell Me The (His) Story Of Christmas

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Matthew 1:1-6; Mark 1:7-8; Luke 2:15-16;
John 1:1-5; 2 Corinthians 9:15

What Child Is This?

I. The New Testament (written record of Jesus' ministry)

- A. Most printed
- B. Most sold
- C. Most distributed
- D. Most read
- E. Most quoted
- F. Most taught collection of writings in all of world history

II. What did the writers of the New Testament want us to know?

- A. About Jesus?
- B. About His birth?
- C. About why he came?
- D. They also answer the question
 - 1. Who is Jesus?
 - 2. Who are we?
 - 3. What is Christmas really about?
 - 4. What difference does it make?

III. Here is what we know about the New Testament

- A. Events were real
 - 1. Archaeology
 - 2. Corroboration of other documents
 - 3. Eye witness accounts
 - 4. Prophetic fulfilment
- B. People were real

- 1. Pilate
- 2. Herod the Great
- 3. Caesar Augustus
- C. The struggles were real
- D. Jesus entered into this world with a divine purpose that intersects with our lives
- E. As Jesus enters our world, He intersects with your life as God wades into our mess to bring us back to Him
- F. The New Testament is the real story of our forgiveness, redemption, & salvation
- G. As God seeks to save the broken, lost, & dying like me & like you

IV. The overall theme of the Bible

- A. Humanity broke everything
- B. Humanity has been broken by:
 - 1. Hate
 - 2. Lust
 - 3. Pride
 - 4. Deception
 - 5. Addiction
- C. God waded into our brokenness beginning as a child born in Bethlehem

V. The New Testament begins with Matthew's account of Jesus, the Messiah King

- A. He gives the genealogy of Jesus to declare He has the legal right to be King
 - 1. As a descendant of Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Judah, & David
- B. Matthew also wants us to know that in the genealogy of Jesus are misfits & mess ups
 - 1. That Jesus' family tree is just like us
 - 2. He came to rescue us
- C. Some examples of misfits

1. Abraham got involved with his maid servant
2. Judah sold his brother into slavery & “other things”
3. Rahab was a Canaanite harlot
4. Ruth was a Moabite with a scandalous family tree
5. King David was an:
 - a. Adulterer
 - b. Murderer
 - c. Manipulator
6. Solomon was the child of Bathsheba

D. Matthew is reminding us that everyone in the genealogy of Jesus is like us & we are like them

E. Maybe Matthew is reminded that Jesus included/invited him who was a “major misfit”

F. Matthew followed, believed, & came to Jesus who invited him to come to Him

VI. **Mark's Gospel**

- A. Jesus came to forgive us
- B. He healed us
- C. Brought the dead to life
- D. Demons flee in His Name

VII. **Luke would say humanity veiled His glory**

- A. He came into the world like every human child
- B. He was cared for & grew in wisdom & stature
- C. That He would face the cross, sweat drops of blood
- D. He would suffer & die

VIII. **John wrote of His deity**

- A. God in human flesh
- B. Jesus declared He is the great I Am - John 8:58
- C. To see Him is to see God - John 14:9
- D. He declared, “I give eternal life & they shall never perish”

- E. No one else ever promised this or claimed this
- F. He is the cornerstone of salvation

IX. **Peter declared**

- A. Jesus was prophetically predicted
- B. His resurrection is the center of our faith

X. **Paul's focus**

- A. God gave us an indescribable gift
- B. A gift of grace
- C. A gift of eternal life

XI. **What do the Gospel writers want to tell us about the 1st Christmas?**

- A. This is how God would bring salvation
- B. This is how God would reveal Himself
- C. That prophecy would be fulfilled this very night
- D. That the Savior would bring good news to the misfits & mess ups (like us)

XII. **What difference does this make?**

- A. Had Jesus never been born, there would be no
 1. Forgiveness
 2. No hope of Heaven
 3. No grace
 4. No reunion
 5. No eternal life
- B. There would only be
 1. Judgement
 2. Separation from God
 3. Devastation
- C. But He did arrive exactly as the Bible said
 1. To bring the gift of God
 2. Eternal life in Jesus our Lord

Celebrate His Gift