

Outline – December 11, 2022

Matthew 1:20-23, John 1:1-5

Philippians 2:5-11

We Easily Forget

- I. **We are called to remember (lest we forget)**
 - A. Scripture that reminds us to remember
 - B. The Christmas season is about remembering, reflecting, reminding
 - C. We are called to remember and remind the world of the greatest event the world has ever known
 - 1. God came to earth clothed in humanity
 - 2. To give life
- II. **The question skeptics ask, why doesn't God appear?**
 - A. He did...beginning in Bethlehem
 - B. Immanuel, God with us
 - C. God gave prophecies to prove there would be no counterfeit
 - 1. Place of birth
 - 2. Timing
 - 3. Manner
 - 4. Genealogy
 - D. Christmas is about the creator coming down to His creation
- III. **The claims of Jesus**
 - A. The great I Am
 - B. The forgiveness He gave
 - C. The miracles He performed
 - D. The prophecies He made
 - E. The sacrifice He made
 - F. The Resurrection
 - G. He is the theme of scripture
- IV. **The impact of Jesus on your life**
 - A. When you believe in Him, eternal life is yours
 - B. The more you know Him the more you love Him
 - C. When you embrace Him, you know why you are here
 - 1. Where you are going
 - 2. The purpose/meaning of your existence
 - 3. What we live for...to advance His Kingdom
- V. **The problem every Christmas (Throughout the year)**
 - A. Many want to distort the meaning, the message, of Christmas
 - B. Liberal theology
 - C. Cults
 - D. World religions
 - E. Atheists/skeptics

VI. How the Bible describes the event of Christmas

- A. Jesus did not consider it robbery to be equal with God
 - 1. To see Him is to see the Father
 - 2. I and my Father are one
 - 3. Father glorified the Son
- B. Came down to the level of humanity
- C. Took the form of a bondservant
- D. Humbled himself, and became obedient
- E. To the point of death
- F. Death on a cross

VII. But why did Christmas occur? God becoming humanity

- A. That we might have life
 - 1. Abundant
 - 2. Eternal
- B. That we may know supernatural love
 - 1. Loved by God
 - 2. Love to God
 - 3. Love to others
- C. That we might know grace
 - 1. Forgiveness
 - 2. Adoption

VIII. The great tragedy

- A. Some live and die as if Jesus was never born
- B. Famous names in history
 - 1. Karl Marx
 - 2. Friedrich Nietzsche
 - 3. Sigmund Freud
 - 4. Ernest Hemingway
 - 5. Died tragically, without belief, hope, assurance

IX. The great exaltation

- A. God highly exalted Jesus
- B. At His name all will bow
- C. All will confess He is Lord

Because He Is Immanuel-God With Us