

## Sermon Outline

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### The Significance of Christmas

It is very important that everyone knows the circumstances of Christ's entrance into our world as an infant. Our focus on the circumstances and details of Jesus' birth establishes it as a historical fact and stimulates joy in our hearts. However, in addition to focusing on these circumstances it is also important for us to recognize some extremely significant truths embedded in our Lord's entrance into our world.

While there are many significant truths associated with Jesus' entrance into this world, let us focus our attention on the following truths this morning.

#### I. GOD CAME TO LIVE AS A MAN AMONG MEN Matt. 1:23

*...they shall call His name Immanuel, which being interpreted is God with us.*

**A. God Kept His Word — Prophecy Was Fulfilled** Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2

**B. God Ended His Silence**

**C. God Accomplished the Miracle of God the Son's Entrance Into the World**

*God the Son became the God/Man.*

#### II. GOD THE SON BECAME MAN'S SAVIOR TO SAVE MAN FROM HIS SINS Matt. 1:21

*...thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.*

**A. Jesus Became Man's Substitute To Die in Man's Place** Heb. 10:1-18

**B. God Forgave All Men Of All Their Sins** Heb. 10:16-18

**C. God Offered All Men The Opportunity to Become His Children** Eph. 1:4-6

#### III. GOD DEFEATED DEATH FOR ALL MEN Heb. 2:14-15

**Death is separation from life and man's sin resulted in two kinds of death:**

1) Spiritual death; and 2) Physical death. Rom. 3:23; 6:23

**A. Man's Spiritual Death is Conquered** Rom. 8:1-3; 2 Cor. 5:14-17

**B. Man's Physical Death is Translated Into a Victory** 1 Cor. 15:53-57

**C. Man's Physical Death Becomes a Doorway Into Eternity** John 14:1-6

#### IV. GOD CAME TO MAKE LIFE WORTH LIVING AND TO GIVE MAN PEACE

Jesus said, *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27). **God tells us...** *"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us"* (Ephesians 2:13-14).

**A. True Peace Exists in Jesus and Flows From Jesus to Man** John 16:33a

**B. This Peace Results From Jesus' Victory Over Sin and Satan** John 16:33b

**C. This Peace Results From A Reconciliation Between Man and God** Rom. 5:1

**D. This Peace With God Conquers the Sorrow and Tribulations of This World** John 16:20,33

**E. The Peace From Jesus' Victory Enables Us To Have Victory in This Life** 1 Cor. 15:58