

Sunday Morning | December 24, 2017



CHRISTMAS IS SPECIAL

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 (NLT)

TRUTH: Christmas is best understood from heaven's perspective.

TRUTH: What we cannot see is more powerful than what we can see.

What's so special about Christmas?

I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS: GOD CAME TO EARTH (vv. 5-6; Colossians 1:15-16 LB; John 1:1-3).

INSIGHT: That the invisible God has come to earth in the man Jesus of Nazareth is the greatest event in earth history.

II. THE REALITY OF CHRISTMAS: GOD BECAME A MAN (vv. 6-8).

TRUTH: Jesus of Nazareth was no myth.

HOW JESUS IS LIKE US:

- 1) In birth
- 2) In development
- 3) In temptation
- 4) In suffering

III. THE REASON OF CHRISTMAS: HE CAME TO DIE (v. 8).

TRUTH: Jesus was born to give His life in extreme suffering.

Two reasons:

- 1) To show God's love for us (Romans 5:8)
- 2) To pay for our sin (Romans 6:23)

TRUTH: God can't save anyone who thinks they can save themselves.

TRUTH: God would have never sent a savior if all of us didn't need a savior.

IV. THE END RESULT: JESUS IS LORD (vv. 9-11).

TRUTH: The question isn't if you'll confess Jesus is Lord, but rather when!

JESUS IS LORD MEANS: I acknowledge Jesus is God, I believe He has everything under control, and I commit all I have to Him.