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OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 1:49

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“WHY WE WORSHIP HIM”

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Part 1/4

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Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship

Introduction to the Text;

Luke 1:49

“State Contextual Summation and Theme”

The Law of “Cause and Effect”

we’ve all heard the term. it’s used most often in **scientific circles**. but it’s also used in the **legal arena**, it’s found in **business** – in fact, it’s part of **everyday life** because there is a very specific purpose for life!

Example: Where Were You Friday Night at 8:18

we were at home. at 8:18pm. our home began to roll, things swayed in the house – “**Earthquake**” was the word that came out of my mouth!

What was the **Cause**? there was a **5.5 earthquake** in desert,
What was the **Effect**? things **rolled** & **swayed**. – why? “**Cause** and **Effect**”

WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

Luke 1:49

For He Who is **Mighty**
has done **great things** for me, And **Holy** is His **Name**.

WHY *Not* WORSHIP HIM ?

The “Cause and Effect” of What is Called “Christmas”

The Cause – The “why things happened or are happening, **Cause**”
and **The Effect** – The result (**effects**). things that have proceed or are
proceeding from a Cause”

In Life Terms – What You Believe Will Matter

“Your “**Cause**” is What Your **Faith** is In.
And The “**Effect**” Will Be The **Result** – your eternity

Simply Put

“Your **Faith** Will End With a **Result**”

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WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

1.) Because Jesus Christ is the **Promised One**

...Says The Bible

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE PROMISED ONE

1a.) He’s the Promised One **Who would come to us**

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The Bible Says...

Luke 2:1-14

And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. :2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. :3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. :4 ¶ Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, :5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. :6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. :7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. :8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. :9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. :10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. :12 And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." :13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: :14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

What's Interesting is - - His "Coming" to Us "The Cause"
Produces an Effect - - Us Coming to Him "The Effect"

Matt. 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men (magi) from the East came to Jerusalem, :2 saying, "**Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and we have come to worship Him.**"

the wise men **came** (because of a cause) and their request was to **worship** the Lord Jesus Christ (the effect) !

Mic. 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting.”

The “Cause and Effect” of What is Called “Christmas”
IS WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE PROMISED ONE

1b.) He’s the Promised One Who would show us

Jesus Christ Shows us

the Heart and Nature of God

By His Actions & His Influence

he would show us miracles

The Promise - Is. 35:5-6

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. :6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.

The Fulfillment - Matt. 11:4-5

Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: :5 *The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up...*”

Mark 7:31-37

Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. :32 Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.....

....:33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. :34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” :35 ¶ Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. :36 Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it*. :37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE PROMISED ONE

1c.) He's the Promised One Who would tell us

Jesus Christ **Tells** us
of the **Kingdom Life** and of **Heaven to Come**
His Teachings / His Words

I Challenge This World

Who's Got a Better Message Than Jesus Christ?
who has a more truthful, honest, accurate, life changing message.

The Promise - Is. 61:1-2

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are bound*; :2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,

The Fulfillment - Luke 4:17-19

And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: :18 “*The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; :19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.*”

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WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

2.) Because Jesus Christ is the Holy One

...Says The Bible

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE HOLY ONE

2a.) He's the Holy One that is Worshipped

Deut. 6:4 is The Shema or Profession of Faith
"Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God, the LORD is one!**"

Christianity, Like Judaism is a Monotheistic Faith.
(meaning: we worship one God)

Christians Worship God Alone.

And by Doing So - Christians Worship The Lord Jesus Christ

written 1,000 years before Jesus Christ was born - - Prov. 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, If you know?

Heb. 1:3-6

The Son reflects God's own glory, and everything about him represents God exactly. He sustains the universe by the mighty power of his command. After he died to cleanse us from the stain of sin, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God of heaven...

Amplified Bible - Heb. 1:4-6

The Son of God is far greater than the angels, just as the name, God has given him is far greater than their names. :5 For the Lord never said to any angel what he said to Christ: **“You are my Son. Today I have become your Father.”** And again God said, **“I will be to Him his Father, and he will be to me my Son.”** :6 then, when he revealed His honored Son to the world, God said, **“Let all the angels of God worship Him.”**

Psa. 68:3-4

But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before **God**; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. :4 Sing to **God**, sing praises to **His Name**; Extol **Him** who rides on the clouds, By His Name **YAH**, And rejoice before **Him**.

hallelu-Yah

praise, worship, adore - - YAH

**YAH - - The El Shaddai, Adonai,
The Salvation of God, The God Who Saves**

Is. 12:2

Behold, **God is my salvation**, I will trust and not be afraid; “For **YAH**, the LORD, *is* my strength and song; He also has become **my salvation.**’ ”

YAH – The Saving God - - John 10:27-30

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. :29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father’s hand. :30 **I and My Father are one.”**

**The “Cause and Effect” of What is Called “Christmas”
IS JESUS CHRIST**

Matt. 1:20-21

But while Joseph thought about these things, behold, an angel (Gabriel) of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying...

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. :21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call **His name JESUS**, for **He will save His people from their sins.**”

Is. 9:6

For unto us a **Child is born**, Unto us a **Son is given**; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And **His name will be called** Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Is. 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a **Son**, and shall call **His name Immanuel.**

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Jude 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,
25 **To God our Savior**, who alone is wise...

1 Timothy 4:10

For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in **the living God, who is the Savior of all mankind...**

Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD, that is My name;
and My glory I will not share with another...

Hosea 13:4

Yet **I am the LORD your God** ever since the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but Me; **for there is no Savior besides Me.**

Isaiah 45:21

Tell and bring forth your case; yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not **I, the LORD**? And there is **no other God besides Me**, a just **God and a Savior**; there is none besides Me.

Isaiah 43:11

I, even I, am the LORD (yehovah), and besides Me there is no savior.

Psalms. 68:4

Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Exalt Him who rides on the clouds, His name is **YAH**, rejoice before Him.

Again – Listen - Proverbs. 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?
Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? **What is His name, and what is His Son's name**, If you know?

Psa. 2:11-12

Serve the LORD with fear, And **rejoice** with **trembling**. :12 **Kiss** (*to bow down to or to bend the knee*) **the Son, lest He be angry**, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Happy are all those who **put their trust in Him**.

Phil. 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 1:30-32

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. :31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a **Son**, and shall call **His name JESUS**. :32 **He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest;**

Is. 26:4

Trust in the LORD forever,
For in **Son**, the LORD, *is* everlasting strength.

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE HOLY ONE

2b.) He’s the Holy One that is to be followed

John 5:39-40

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. **:40** But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

Matt. 19:21c

...come, follow Me.”

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE HOLY ONE

2c.) He’s the Holy One that is to be obeyed

At The Transfiguration - - Matt. 17:5

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!**" – **Do** as He says !!!

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WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

3.) Because Jesus Christ is the **Only One**

...Says The Bible

Gal. 4:4

But when the **fullness of the time** had come,
God sent forth His Son, born of a woman,

1Tim. 3:16

And without **controversy** (unable to refute) great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh, **Justified** in the Spirit, **Seen** by angels,
Preached among the Gentiles, **Believed** on in the world, **Received** up in glory.

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY ONE

3a.) He's the only one **able to love us**

1John 3:16

By this we know love, because **He** (God the Son)
laid down His life for us. (in our place)

Rom. 8:38

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY ONE

3b.) He's the only one able to forgive us

Throughout History and Around the World

The Cross is The Sign of Hope, Care, and Love.
but by far, the Cross of Christ is Known for **Forgiveness!**

Psa. 130:3-4

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? :4 But *there is forgiveness* with You, That You may be feared.

Col. 1:13-15

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, :14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the **forgiveness** of sins. :15 He is the image of the invisible God,

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY ONE

3c.) He's the only one able to rescue us

There are 4 Questions We Need to Ask

the **first** is *Why?*

why do we need to be rescued?

because we're alone – *sin has separated us from God*

the **second** is *What?*

from what do we need rescued?

because we're lost – *sin has blinded us from God*

the **third** is *How?*

how can we be rescued?

by opening your heart and mind – *you need to consider God*

the **fourth** is *Where?*

where can we find a rescuer?

by going to the cross for help – *you need to willfully invite God*

Rom. 5:8-9

God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. :9 having now been
justified by His blood, we shall be saved...

Rev. 1:5

Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over
the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins
in His own blood,

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “**I am** the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, “**I am** the bread of life.
He who comes to Me shall never hunger...

John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “**I am** the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM**.”

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “**I am** the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. :26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

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It's Christmas –
What Are You Going to Do About That ?

End of Study