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

Luke 1:49

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Introduction to the Text;

Luke 1:49

“State Contextual Summation and Theme”

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 ?

**Wouldn't It be a Wonderful Thing
if this Christmas You Got a New Life?**

WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

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

2.) Because Jesus Christ is the **Holy One**

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

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!"

WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

4.) Because **Knowing** Jesus Christ Makes **Sense**

You can know Jesus Christ Personally

Faith is as much a part of us as is breathing – it is !

you exercised **perfect faith** this morning by putting on your **clothes**.
you exercised **perfect faith** this morning by getting into your **car**.
you exercised **perfect faith** this morning by sitting in that **chair**.

**You Can Know Jesus Christ Today – Because or Thru Faith
Faith Gets You There**

1Tim. 1:4

don't give heed to fables

1Tim. 6:20

O Timothy, **keep** that which is committed to thy **trust**, (use your head and have your eyes wide open) and avoiding profane and vain babblings, and contradictions of what is falsely called science.

2Pet. 1:16

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

The Truth Is;

There's More to The Christmas Story

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KNOWING JESUS CHRIST MAKES SENSE

4a.) Because of His Global Influence

What kind of an influence
has Jesus Christ had on the World?

Luke 2:14

“peace on earth, goodwill toward men!”

Rom. 1:8

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all,
that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

Phil. 4:22

All the saints greet you, but especially those
who are of **Caesar's** (nero's) household.

doesn't it make sense to know
the most influential person who has ever lived?

John Adams: “ The general principles upon which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principals of Christianity... I will avow that I believed and now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.” • “The day of July 4th. ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.” –**John Adams in a letter written to Abigail on the day the Declaration was approved by Congress**

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. **Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.**" --*October 11, 1798*

"Without Christianity this World would be Something not fit to be mentioned in polite Company, I mean Hell." - *John Adams to Thomas Jefferson, April 19, 1817*

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KNOWING JESUS CHRIST MAKES SENSE

4b.) Because of His **Prophetic Significances**

The Bible says Jesus Christ is Going to Return to Earth?

Acts 1:8-11

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." :9 ¶ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. :10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, :11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? ***This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.***"

Rev. 1:7

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him,

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KNOWING JESUS CHRIST MAKES SENSE

4c.) Because of His **Life Changing Power**

Jesus Christ is Known for Changing Lives

He Changed My Life

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

2Cor. 5:17,21

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new... :21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

5.) Because Placing Your Faith In Jesus Christ Works

You can trust Jesus Christ with your Life

every human being exercises faith. every human being is a believer in something or someone – you have your faith.

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PLACING YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST WORKS

5a.) Because Jesus Christ is Creator/Sustainer

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Gen. 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:10

He was in the world, and **the world was made through Him**, and the world did not know Him.

Rev. 3:14

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the **Beginning (Source) of the creation of God**:

It’s said that the events that surrounded the creation of Newton’s Solar Model, (*a graphic-mechanical device with all the [planets](#) and [moons](#) that were known at the time. The moons revolved around the planets and they all in turn revolved around the [Sun](#), while each individual orb turned on its axis.*) are most revealing of Newton’s faith in a Creator God. The device led to this challenge by Newton to his atheistic friend and laboratory assistant; Upon the assistant awaking from his sleep he is surprised to see the beautiful model sitting upon the table...

"How were you able to construct such an ingenious device?" asked the friend. "I just tossed the pieces at random into a corner, and they accidentally assembled themselves into this model," Newton replied. "That's absurdly impossible," protested the man. "A lot less absurd," countered Sir Isaac, "than your belief that such was the origin of the actual Solar System, of which this toy is but a much simplified model."

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God. :3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**We We’re Handed a Great Example This Week,
By the Outgoing President, George W. Bush.**

We Learned that He has [a Faith](#)

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WASHINGTON (AP)

US President George W. Bush said in an interview Monday with ABC News that **the Bible is "probably not" literally true and that a belief that God created the world is compatible with the theory of evolution. "I think you can have both,"** Bush, who leaves office January 20, speaking to ABC television, adding **"You're getting me way out of my lane here. I'm just a simple president."** But **"evolution is an interesting subject. I happen to believe that evolution doesn't fully explain the mystery of life,"** said the president, an outspoken Christian who often invokes God in his speeches. **"I think that God created the Earth, created the world; I think the creation of the world is so mysterious it requires something as large as an almighty and I don't think it's incompatible with the scientific proof that there is evolution,"** he told ABC News. When asked whether the Bible was literally true, Bush replied: **"Probably not. No, I'm not a literalist, but I think you can learn a lot from it." "The important lesson is 'God sent a son,'"** he said.

Heb. 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Col. 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. :16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. :17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things **consist**.

consist συνιστάω **sunistao**, soon-is-tahoe,
to bring or set together an object. to hold things together and in place. to glue or adhere pieces. to constitute

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Newton wrote extensively on the Bible dealing with the literal interpretation of the [Bible](#), as he considered himself to be a biblical expert;

“to be one in a select group of individuals who were specially chosen by God for the task of understanding Biblical scriptures”.

Sir Isaac Newton

“I see a masterful Creator whose existence cannot be denied in the face of the grandeur of creation.”

Sir Isaac Newton

“Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who set the planets in motion. God governs all things and knows all that is or can be done.”

Sir Isaac Newton

This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent Being. This Being governs all things, not as the soul of the world, but as Lord over all; and on account of His dominion He is worthy to be called “Lord God” or “Universal Ruler”. ... The Supreme God is a Being eternal, infinite, and absolutely perfect.

Sir Isaac Newton

“The Opposition to godliness is atheism in profession and in idolatry of practice. Atheism is so senseless and idiotic to mankind that it never had many professors.”

Sir Isaac Newton

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PLACING YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST WORKS

5b.) Because Jesus **Christ is Lord of All**

Acts 10:35-36

But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. :36 The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ - He is **Lord (kurios-supreme)** of all

Rev. 19:16

And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The “**Lordship**” of Jesus Christ is
Proof of Salvation in a Believers Life.

For Now: - His Lordship Can Only Be Allowed

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PLACING YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST WORKS

5c.) Because Jesus **Christ is Almighty God**

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.

Rev. 1:7-8

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. :8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*” says **the Lord**, “who is and who was and who is to come, **the Almighty.**”

The Bible Teaches That Jesus Christ is God

1John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Amplified Version

Phil. 2:6-8

For though **He was God**, while in the flesh He did not demand His rights being God. :7 But rather, He made himself as nothing; He embraced the humble position of a slave and appeared in a human form. :8 And while being in a human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying as a criminal dies on a cross.

The Religious Pharisee's of Jesus' Day Wanted to Kill Him because they understood exactly what he was saying...

John 10:30-33

I and My Father are one. :31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. :32 Jesus answered them, **"Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"** :33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

The Truth Is;

There's More to The Christmas Story

6.) Because Offering Us Life Is His Greatest Gift

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Jesus Christ desires for us real Life

6a.) Because He Loves Life – We Love Life

Deut. 30:19

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

Loving Life **Now** / Loving Life **Later** / Loving Life **Forever**

John 10:10

...I have come that they may have **life**,
and that they may have *it* more **abundantly**.

abundantly

in excessive amounts, to have the advantage,
to be higher up, to have privileged

John 4:14

but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst again. For the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into **everlasting life**.”

This Is The Basis for What Jesus Said:

Matt. 16:25

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

6b.) Because He Loves Life – We Have Assurance

1Pet. 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, :4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you**, :5 you who are **kept by the power of God** through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last days.

6c.) Because He Loves Life – We Have Hope

The “Magic or Spirit” of Christmas is That Creates a Sense of Peace. people tend to reach out to others / we look at things differently

did you hear about the man this week

that was seen handing out \$100 bills?

he was reported being seen in a thrift store handing out \$100 bills putting them in shirt pockets and handing money out to children before he ran away...

What Does That Cause You to Think?

(get to the nearest thrift store quick)

Rom. 12:12

rejoicing in hope,

Gal. 5:5

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness

Col. 1:27

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

the bible says that if you're a real Christian

– the Holy Spirit now dwells inside of you. when Jesus Christ returns, He will receive, take up, redeem all those who are sealed or **marked** with the Holy Spirit of Promise.

Does Anyone Remember, Zody's, K-Mart, - Lay Away !!!

Eph. 1:13

In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise,

because Jesus Christ finish what he begins

1Pet. 1:3

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

John 3:16-18

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. :17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**Well, O.K. Fine Pastor Jack.
But What Am I Supposed To Do Now ?**

!!! Hands Up, Cards In, Bags Out !!!

End of Study