

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE SERIES 2009
THE CELEBRATION, ADORATION AND DEFENSE OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:7-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WHEN GOD CAME DOWN”

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Part 1/4

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship

Introduction to the Text;

Luke 2:7-14

“State The Contextual Summation and Theme”

Luke 2:6-14

So it was, that while Joseph and Mary were there, the days were completed for her to deliver. :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!”* - - **Because The Rescuer Had Arrived !**

!!! Merry Christmas !!!

I'm going to be Asking You to Make an Investment in yourself. it's an investment that cannot be lost. it's one that will last forever, with eternal benefits... "i'm asking you - that over these next four weeks you attend this series entitled

"When God Came Down"

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.

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WHEN GOD CAME DOWN

1.) It was according to His plan

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ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN

1a.) The God of the Bible planned the rescue

The **Christmas Story**, is about a **Rescue Mission**.
(a redemption story)

What is God's Gift Mankind?
(better: Who is God's Gift to Mankind?)

Luke 2:10

Then the angel said to them, **"Do not be afraid, for behold, (1) I bring you good tidings of (2) great joy (3) which will be to all people. :11 (4) 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."**

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**.

mankind needed to be rescued, but why?

Within Every Human Being There is "The Courtroom of the Soul"
A Standard of Morality Defining What's Right & Wrong.

Rom. 2:15

Theses who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing them witness of their thoughts either **accusing** or else **excusing** them.

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ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN

1b.) The God of the Bible planned the **place**

a specific place, why?

To announce in advance, in writing, just where God would meet mankind face to face was and is an awesome thing.

Luke 2:11

*For there is born to you this day **in the city of (birthplace) David** a Savior, who is **Christ the Lord**.*

Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of villages 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."

ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN

1c.) The God of the Bible planned the **method**

He would use angels, empires and men.
He would move kingdoms and nations,
even the elements, nature itself.

Promised in Genesis

Gen. 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. :15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her **ZERA**[, zeh'-rah; **Seed**; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

The Virgin Conception & Birth of The Christ

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.

And in every book of the bible, Jesus Christ is "presented"

So That "Christmas is In Your Face" – The Obvious Answer !
Jesus Christ is Who & What Mankind has been Searching for
And He's Been Right in Front of Us Since Creation.

1Tim. 3:16

And without controversy 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.
to gaze with wide-open eyes, that which is miraculous, remarkable

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WHEN GOD CAME DOWN

2.) His timing was **perfect**

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HIS TIMING WAS PERFECT

2a.) His timing was **foreordained**

as to when and where and how it would come about,
the Lord sent out a signal to all of mankind thru His prophets,
all written in black and white.

Gal. 4:4

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

Rom. 1:2-4

God promised before **through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures**, (*the old testament*) :**3** concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, :**4** *and declared to be the Son of God...*

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HIS TIMING WAS PERFECT

2b.) His timing was **significant**

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significant by the **impact** and the **relevance**
to our human condition.

The Lord came at a time that seemed **hopeless** except for one reason,
Those times effect our vision. And that is a very good thing.

God's Heart for Us

Matt. 9:36

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them,
because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

1Tim. 2:4-6

It is God who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the
truth. :5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the
Man Christ Jesus, :6 who gave Himself a ransom for all,
to be testified in **due** time,

2Cor. 5:21-6:2

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the
righteousness of God in Him. 6:1 We then, as workers together *with Him* also
plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. 6:2 For He says:
*"In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have
helped you."* Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold,
now *is* the day of salvation.

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HIS TIMING WAS PERFECT

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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,

How Intentional ?

John 1:1-3,14

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... :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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WHEN GOD CAME DOWN

3.) There was a divine **purpose**

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THERE WAS A DIVINE PURPOSE

3a.) He had engineered the **message**

More People Around the World Celebrate Christmas
than any other Event in Human History.

(why would someone be against Christmas?)
(why would someone stop Christmas songs from being sung?)

(why would someone protest Christmas being Celebrated?)

The Cool Thing Is...

The Lord has preserved the Christmas account throughout by the ages.

Have you ever stopped to think why

“Christmas is Such a Big Deal?”

Because it's the **best** message in all of the world.

If You're Honest - - The message of Christmas makes you **happy**.

The message of Christmas brings **hope** and **joy** and a mutual kindness toward **others**...

Luke 2:10

I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people

unless you're a card carrying member of the ACLU. or some Cult follower of a backward, mid-evil manmade religion that denies Christmas.

The Discovery Channel, National Geographic,
The History Channel.

All of them begin their Annual Christmas Attack on
Jesus Christ and The Bible.

**The Truth will Always be Attacked
Because people hate the truth. People find the Truth
Inconvenient.**

***Imagine if The Discovery Channel, National Geographic, &
The History Channel. Mocked the Quran, or Mohammed
or Their god, Allah?***

(beware of gods that need to be defended)

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THERE WAS A DIVINE PURPOSE

3b.) He had engineered the **participants**

the roman empire, Israel under rule, the greek language prevailed.
Like a stage that is set for the next performance, the players are set in place.

Matthew 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was **born in Bethlehem of Judea** in the days of **Herod the king**, behold, **wise men** 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 have come to worship Him."

The Magi / Angels / King Herod / Governor Pontus Pilate
The Romans / The Jewish Nation...

which by the way - so are we, so are you !!!

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THERE WAS A DIVINE PURPOSE

3c.) He had engineered the **outcome**

don't misunderstand this "He engineered the outcome"
to mean that its all been predetermined and that you have no say
or influence in the matter - - because you do.

The Outcome Involves That Fact That He has Engineered in Us the Ability to
Exercise our Free will.

God designed into you the ability to decide, choose, make choices.

WORSHIP PREPARE TO ENTER STAGE FOR THE TITHES & OFFERING & INVITATION

Later in Jesus' life and Ministry
it would be documented by Eyewitness, Matthew Levi in his Gospel,

Matthew - Quoting Isaiah 9:1-2 in Matt. 4:13

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, :14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: :15 *"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: :16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."*

THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST

WORSHIP TEAM OUT TITHES AND OFFERINGS & SONG

THE PRAYER TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST

_____ *End of Study* _____