

# THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE SERIES 2008

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

Luke 2:6-14

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## “WHEN GOD CAME DOWN”

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Part 3/4

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship**

Introduction to the Text;

**Luke 2:6-14**

“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!”*

# !!! Merry Christmas Church !!!

1.) It was according to His **plan**

2.) His timing was **perfect**

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

1.) He Brought Us The **Gift of Life**

2.) He Extended to Us The **Hand of Mercy**

3.) He Granted to Us The **Power of Forgiveness**

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### WHEN GOD CAME DOWN

1.) He **Made** Us Aware of Who He is

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### WE'RE NOW AWARE OF WHO HE IS

1a.) That life has it's **joy**

Luke 2:10

Then the angel said to them, *"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy*

Luke 2:14

*"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth - Peace be upon men of goodwill (those who come into or under God's favor or grace)!"*

**Hey Joseph, - Gabriel**

“she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS,  
for He will save His people **from their sins.**”

**Sin** has “Darkened the Door” of what was Once a Perfect Humanity.  
*Man, apart from God, begins out wrong, we grow up to think wrong.  
We go about doing wrong, because we have been wrong all along...*

**Psa. 51:5**

Behold, I was shapen (at the moment of conception) in iniquity (moral pollution,  
or state of sinfulness); and **in sin** did my mother conceive me  
(the realm of this world).

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**WE’RE NOW AWARE OF WHO HE IS**

**1b.) That we’re now **accountable** to God**

**What Comes To Your Mind When You Here The Name Jesus?**

**Who is he to you personally? Why? And can you  
back that up with facts?**

**Whatever your definition is,  
it must be the oldest the definition possible for it to be true.**

**That’s Why People Need To Search the Scriptures, The Bible.  
You can’t go any further back then the Bible.**

**THIS IS PRETTY AMAZING;**

**Gen. 1:1**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**BUT THIS IS TRULY AWESOME;**

**John 17:5**

**glorify Me together with Yourself,  
with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

## 1b.) That we're now **accountable** to God

Rom. 1:18-22

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, :19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. (they are fighting against an internal witness) :20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, :21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. :22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

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## WE'RE NOW AWARE OF WHO HE IS

## 1c.) That I need to **seek** Him urgently

Luke 2:15-20

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." :16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. :17 **Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.** :18 And **all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.** :19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. :20 Then the shepherds **returned, glorifying and praising** God for all the things that they had **heard and seen, as it was told them.**

Luke 2:25

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, **waiting** for the **Consolation** of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

**προσδέχομαι prosdechomai**, *pros-dekh'-om-ah-ee*; from 4314 and 1209; to intercourse, to allow in, to accept or to be accepting, willing.

**Rom. 8:23b**

... **for** even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **eagerly waiting** for **the** adoption, **the** redemption of our bodies.

It's What The Magi Did. Its What The Shepherds Did,  
It's What the Angels Did.

## **It's What We're To Doing Today**

**1Th. 1:10**

For we wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

(the Christmas Christ is for us today – He's coming back)

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## **WHEN GOD CAME DOWN**

**2.) He Captured Our Deepest Attention**

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## **HE CAPTURED OUR DEEPEST ATTENTION**

**2a.) You have to considered - who Jesus is**

This is what the Bible says about “who” Jesus is;  
**Luke 2:11**

***That He's the Savior, who is Christ - the Lord.***

**Savior - Is. 43:3**

For I *am* the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your **Savior**;

**Christ - Dan. 9:26b**

Israel's **Messiah/Christ** shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

**Lord - Gen. 2:4**

This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the **LORD** God made the earth and the heavens,

**Phil. 2:6-11**

Jesus Christ who, being in **the form of God**, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, :7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking **the form of a bondservant**, and coming in **the likeness of men**. :8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. :9 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 things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; :11 And that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

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**HE CAPTURED OUR DEEPEST ATTENTION**

**2b.) You've got to **decide** - what to do with Him**

**Matt. 2:2**

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 Things That Jesus Cannot Be Are Significant:**

**He Cant Be a "Great Man."**

*because He said...*

**Rev. 1:18**

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore – Amen!  
And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

## He Cant Be "An Enlightened One"

*because He said...*

### 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.

## He Cant Be a "Nice Guy"

*because He said...*

### John 8:24

Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins;  
for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

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# HE CAPTURED OUR DEEPEST ATTENTION

2c.) You cannot **ignore** Him - He isn't going away

**How do we know** something is true even if we have not seen it?  
(**by authority** / some eyewitness that we acknowledge has told us so)

**example:**

how do you know there is a an **Eiffel Tower in Paris**?  
People have told you. you've read about it, seen sketches of it.

### Luke 1:1-4

Most honorable Theophilus: Many people have written accounts about the events that took place among us. :2 They used as their source material the reports circulating among us from the early disciples and other **eyewitnesses** of what God has done in fulfillment of his promises. :3 Having carefully investigated all of these **accounts** from the beginning, I have decided to write a careful summary for you, :4 to reassure you of the truth of all you were told.

### 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.

### 1John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - :2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - :3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

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## WHEN GOD CAME DOWN

### 3.) He Came To This World

Have You Ever Stopped to Think About The Gospel Message ?

It's believable because, its just out of reach, it's not normal.

There is enough simply truth about it – yet there's "the impossible" about it.

### A Virgin, Conceiving without Human Intervention

#### 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.

### That God Himself Would Come to Us

#### 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. :7 Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. ***The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.***

In a military sense; God sent His Son.

He has landed on enemy occupied territory.

His mission is a full-scale invasion but first He is gathering loyalist.

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### HE CAME TO THIS WORLD

#### 3a.) Jesus landed in **enemy occupied territory**

##### John 1:10-12

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. :11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. :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 15:17-19

This is my command: Love each other. :18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. :19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

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### HE CAME TO THIS WORLD

#### 3b.) Jesus sent out **His orders**

### We Are Agents, Officers, and Soldiers in a Cosmic War

##### Luke 10:1-3

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. :2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. :3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

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# HE CAME TO THIS WORLD

## 3c.) Jesus commissioned His army

### God is on a Mission!

But it's not a mission to capture this world or to take **geographical** areas, nor is to establish a religious **caliphate** or some imposed religious **realm**.

**His mission is to reach the hearts and minds of mankind** everywhere, to **free** them and **liberate** them so that they might **know the truth**.

1. The Truth about - Our Current Situation.
2. The Truth about - Life and Death.
3. The Truth about - The Epic Battle for Our Souls.
4. The Truth about - Who He Really is and what we can become in Him.

#### Luke 2:10-11

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**.

### THAT'S THE MARCHING ORDERS FOR ALL HIS AGENTS,

"We bring you good tidings of great joy, there's a Christ, a Savior, a Lord  
Who is in Fact, God alone – Your Creator-Redeemer.

#### Matt. 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**:20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

**MEDIA – NOTIFY WORSHIP TO COME OUT**

**John 17:18,20**

As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world... **:20** “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

**Until That Time Comes...**

We're to be like angels (proclaimers) that Christ has come !  
That mankind has a hope, a life, and a future still.

**THE HOUR OF DECISION HAS COME**

**THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND SONG**  
**WORSHIP TEAM COME UP NOW**  
**“THE MOMENT OF DECISION IS NOW”**

*End of Study*