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Introduction to the Text;

1 Timothy 3:16

“I Love To Tell The Story”

1 Timothy 3:16

And without **controversy** great is the mystery of **godliness**: (1) God was **manifested** in the flesh, (2) **Justified** in the Spirit, (3) **Seen** by angels, (4) **Preached** among the Gentiles, (5) **Believed** on in the world, (6) **Received** up in glory.

Matt. 1:1-2,18-25 & Matt. 2:1-12

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham :2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob...

:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel 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.” :22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” :24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS. 2:1 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.” :3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. :5 So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 *“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.”* :7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” :9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. :12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
CHRISTMAS – WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

1.) Born Out of Heaven

The Message, the Mission, The Story of Christmas Originates or Was Born Out of Heaven.

CHRISTMAS BEING BORN OUT OF HEAVEN MEANS

1a.) Christmas never had a beginning

1 Timothy 3:16

And without **controversy** great is the **mystery of godliness**:

This is a Bold Declaration Here;

“Without **controversy**”

ὁμολογουμένως **homologoumenos**, *hom-ol-og-ow-men'-oce*; obviously, clearly, reasonably, without doubt. No contest or it's no controversy.

“Great is the **mystery**”

The “Megas Musterion” **υστήριον musterion**, *moos-tay'-ree-on*; from a something that has always been but not made known. The unveiling of an eternal truth into time and space.

“Of **godliness**” a visible, physical, tangible display of God-like-ness

The Argument for the Existence of God is Actually a Natural Assumption. Example: Genesis 1:1

CHRISTMAS BEING BORN OUT OF HEAVEN MEANS

1b.) Christmas arrived specially wrapped

1 Timothy 3:16

And without **controversy** great is the mystery of **godliness**: (1) God was **manifested** in the **flesh**

*isn't it a bit hypocritical that mankind today is fascinated
with the idea of the Possibility of Foreign or Alien life Existing?*

Jesus Christ Came From Heaven Above

Luke 2:6-11

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. (all common) :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.

CHRISTMAS BEING BORN OUT OF HEAVEN MEANS

1c.) Christmas is to be appreciated

1 Timothy 3:16

And without **controversy** great is the mystery of **godliness**: **God was (2) Justified** in the Spirit

by “appreciated” I mean, “respected” in the sense of having to cope with or to deal with. Technically, to be decided upon. Christmas demands recognition by its very nature.

This “Justified” in or by the Spirit means... That everything about Jesus Christ is by the Power of the Holy Spirit. From His conception to His ministry, His death and resurrection – **it was all done by and through the Person of the Holy Person.**

This “Justification” was never more meaningful and powerful than when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead.

As Jesus walked in obedience to the will of the Father (in His humanity) the Holy Spirit was His Divine source of power.

By Jesus’ righteousness in His flesh, He qualified mankind for salvation. By Jesus’ justification in the Spirit, He secured for mankind forgiveness

CHRISTMAS BEING BORN OUT OF HEAVEN MEANS

1d.) Christmas shouts a miracle

And without **controversy** great is the mystery of **godliness**: **God was (3) Seen** by angels,

THE FATHER’S “GIFT-GIVEN” WAS AT ALL COSTS !!!

“Seen by angels”

ὄπτωμαι **optomai**, *op´-tom-ahay*; to gaze with intensity. to be wide-eyed. In awe of the sight.

Luke 1:26-31

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” :29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 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.

Joseph – I need you to listen to me. I’m pregnant, but I’m still a virgin. Something has happened to me, to us – I need you to believe me.

Matt. 1:18-21

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel 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.”

CHRISTMAS BEING BORN OUT OF HEAVEN MEANS

1e.) Christmas has circled the globe

And without **controversy** great is the mystery of **godliness**: **God was (4) Preached** among the Gentiles,

From a Dusty Little Village

Stop for a moment and consider this.

The Entire Christmas Story Began in a Dusty Little Village without earthly fanfare or pomp.

Luke 2:4-5

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.

*Jesus Christ is Proclaimed – Preached
“The Love of God & The Forgiveness of Sins & Eternal Life.”*

CHRISTMAS BEING BORN OUT OF HEAVEN MEANS

1f.) Christmas changes minds and hearts

And without **controversy** great is the mystery of **godliness**: **God was (5) Believed** on in the world,

Believed on in the world

πιστεύω pisteuo, *pist-yoo'-o*; to entrust yourself to another. to place all hope of deliverance in the hands of another.

Psalm 119:130

The **entrance** (*unfolding or unwrapping*) of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

Romans 10:10-13

For with **the heart** one believes unto righteousness, and with **the mouth** confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved”

CHRISTMAS BEING BORN OUT OF HEAVEN MEANS

1g.) Christmas will come again

And without **controversy** great is the mystery of **godliness**: **God was (6) Received** up in glory.

Received up in glory

ἀναλαμβάνω analambano, *an-al-am-ban'-o*; to be taken up, to be received up, (in the sense of returning)

Acts 1:9-11

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.”

I find it absolutely amazing that when God chose to come into the human race, He did so by placing Himself in the sanctuary of a woman.

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<
Come Forward for Prayer

End of Study

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