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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BORN

The Advent Of God Among Us – Part 2

Announcing, debating, celebrating the 1st. coming of Jesus Christ

Luke 2:1-16

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!” **15** 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.

We weren't exactly sure when our first daughter was going to be coming into the world, but we had been warned – it could be any day now! – and so we made preparations!

So ya gotta wonder - just what was going on in the minds of Joseph and Mary

(1) the supernatural interactions (2) the distant, lingering anticipation (3) the “sound” of the prophets almost shouting at them –

But then came the “**Musterion**,” the moving of the Cloud that once shrouded the mountain of salvation - - the eternal truth of God’s redemptive plan...

The Bible Says: Galatians 4:4-5

That when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

...That Christ was to come to Earth...

And that Divine Act, the Event is referred to as The Advent or “**Christmas**”

A Merrie Christmas

Merry, meaning; Making Buoyant, Joyful, Exuberant, Glad, Gleeeful.

Christ, meaning: Acknowledging The Anointed One, The Messiah.

Mas, meaning: Causing The Gathering, The Union of Worship.

The Bible Says: Hebrews 10:5-7

Therefore, **when He came into the world**, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, “Behold, I have come in the volume of the book it is written of Me to do Your will, O God.’ ”

Remembering Our Foundation Here

1 Timothy 3:16

Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

Controversy	grk: homo’logo’menos ; - in common agreement. In open and full awareness, obvious.
Great	grk: megas ; - without number. abundant. surpassing
Mystery	grk: musterion ; something hidden from view. a mystery as in the discovery of something that has always been but now is revealed or discovered.
Godliness	grk: eusebeia ; good, goodness, god-ness, piety. purity.

1.) BORN into this FLESH

2.) BORN into our SIN

3.) BORN into His CREATION

“Born”

The Theme And Mission Of The Coming Of Lord Jesus Christ At Christmas

4.) BORN – into His MESSAGE

**:16 without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was, Preached** among the Gentiles.

**“This is what was told.
This is the meaning to the telling.”**

Preached grk: kerusso; to be a herald aloud, to make proclamation. to tell all near and far. A missionary journey to the world.

Matthew 1:22a

So all this was done *that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying...*

Matthew 2:5-6

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.’ ”*

**The Christmas Message of Jesus Christ
is the Most Preached Message in the World**

“Born Into His Message”

4a.) God promised us a Christmas of our own

The Bible tells us that: “this is a **prophecy - God was Preached among the Gentiles**, That the world would hear and have to **decide** what to do with **what child is this.**”

The Bible Says: Micah 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 Bible Says: Isaiah 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.**

“Born Into His Message”

4b.) God promised us a Salvation of our own

The Bible Says: 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**.

“Born Into His Message”

4c.) God promised us a Message of our own

Luke 2:15-18

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.

“Born”

**The Theme And Mission
Of The Coming Of Lord Jesus Christ At Christmas**

5.) BORN – into a BATTLE

**:16 without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was, Believed on in the world,**

Believed grk: pisteuo; to believe to the point of trust. to entrust. to count on. to rely upon. **(belief that leads to faith)**

(the opportunity has gone out to the world)

“Born Into A Battle”

5a.) He came to rescue the world

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give His life **a ransom for many.**”

“Born Into A Battle”

5b.) He came to expose the excuses

Luke 2:34

Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is
destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for
a sign which will be spoken against

Romans 1:19-20

because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it
to them. **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**,

“Born Into A Battle”

5c.) He came to force your hand

Luke 11:23

“Anyone who isn’t with me opposes me, and anyone who isn’t working
with me is actually working against me.

The “Accepting” or the “Receiving” of Jesus Christ.

“Born”

The Theme And Mission

Of The Coming Of Lord Jesus Christ At Christmas

6.) BORN – into GLORY

**:16 without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was, Received up in glory**

**Here's The "Bottom Line" of Christmas.
This is the "Reason for the Season" of Christmas.**

"Born Into Glory"

6a.) He went up to Make a Way

as our forerunner and our representative

"Nobody goes to the Father in Heaven unless –
they go through Me or by Me"

"Born Into Glory"

6b.) He went up to Prepare a Place

(with all the fixin's)

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

"Born Into Glory"

6c.) He went up to Give the Gift

The Bible Says Romans 6:23b

The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Bible Says John 6:40

And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

The Bible Says 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:

The CROSS of Christ, The CHRIST of God, The CALL from Jesus

Dear Church,
May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;
May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- Numbers 6:24-26

End of Study

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