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Introduction:
Many have paused at Christmas to ponder who or what was the baby who was born in the manger that Christmas long ago.

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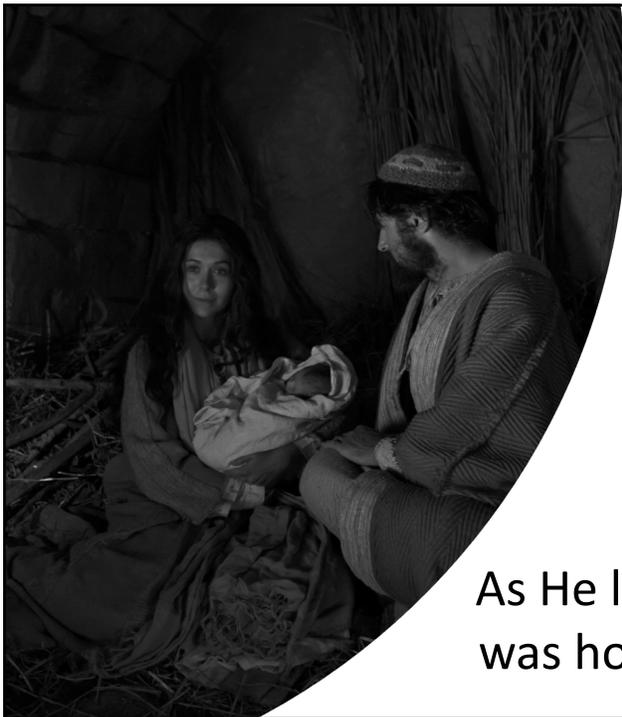


The Creator God

Isaiah 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.

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The Creator God

Immanuel means

“God with us”!

Think about what that means...

That tiny helpless baby was The Almighty God! He was 100% God and 100% man. As He lay in the manger, He as God was holding the universe together.

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The Creator God

John 1:1-5

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. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

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The Creator God

Jesus created everything good. He created the land, water, plants, animals, dinosaurs, and man. Everything He created was in keeping with His nature, purpose, and will. He created a perfect abiding place for Adam and Eve, and He met their every need. It was a perfect paradise.

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The Creator God

Everything was perfect until Adam and Eve rebelled against God.

When they sinned, death and disease entered the world, and man was cut off from God.

Paradise was Lost!

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The Creator God

Yet Adam and Eve were given a promise that there would be born a baby (seed of the woman) who would deal with the issue of sin and restore us back to God.

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The Cradle

Thousands of years passed. Prophecies were given.

The Seed of a Woman
(human)

Through Abraham, Isaac,
Jacob, David, and Judah.

Born in Bethlehem

Born of a virgin

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The Cradle

God always keeps His promises.

On that first Christmas day, a child was born that fulfilled all the prophecies that were given.

God Himself, stepped into human history, by taking on human flesh.

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The Cradle

The questions should be asked...

Why did He come?

How was this baby going to conquer sin and death?

Why would God redeem man after we had rebelled against Him?

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The Cross

God has made a sovereign choice to love mankind. Not because we are so good or talented but by His choice.

That choice was made before the world began. God knew man would fall, and His love provided a way for redemption through Jesus!

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The Cross

Jesus did not stay a baby.
He grew into a man. A man
who never sinned.
Adam was told the day that
he sinned against God he
would die

Jesus was born into this
world as a Baby to identify
with mankind so He could
die in our place!

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The Cross

He willingly allowed Himself to
be nailed to the cross – our
cross.

He who knew no sin became
sin for us. All our sin past,
present, and future were
placed on Him, and Jesus
paid for them in full.

His last words on the cross
were “It is finished” which
means “Paid in Full”.

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The Cross

Jesus did not remain dead but rose on the 3rd day. Now that our sins are forgiven, we can also live with him.

We have Exchanged Lives. He has taken our sinful lives filled with our failures, and our death. In exchange He has given us His eternal life, holiness, and future.

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The Crown

Today, Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father. He knows what you are facing, and He prays for you. All authority has been given to Jesus in Heaven and Earth.

He can rule in heaven because He is God. He can rule on earth because He is the perfect man.

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The Crown

What is amazing is that Jesus is going to let us rule and reign with Him. In the meantime, we are to live faithful and be about the work of His Kingdom. Soon Jesus is going to return to take us to His Home. I can hardly wait – That will be better than Christmas!

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So What...
 We celebrated Christmas just a few days ago. But you need to stop and think about what you are truly celebrating. Who is the Baby in the Manger to you?

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