

# Message Notes

## The Miracle of Christmas

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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.

Matthew 1:18-25 NKJV

Miracle #1 – The \_\_\_\_\_ came to His \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas could be called \_\_\_\_\_

30 I and *My* Father are one." John 10:30 NKJV

**1** 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. John 1:1-3 NKJV

**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. (v. 14)

Options to Jesus' Claims to be God:

1) He was a \_\_\_\_\_

2) He was a \_\_\_\_\_

3) He was and is \_\_\_\_\_

**Miracle #2 - \_\_\_\_\_ became a \_\_\_\_\_**

**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. Luke 2:7 NKJV

**6** Though he (Christ) was God,  
he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to.

**7** Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;  
he took the humble position of a slave  
and was born as a human being. Philippians 2:6,7 NLT

Why did God come as an infant?

- 1) He came to \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) He came in a way we could \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) He came in a way that would enable Him to \_\_\_\_\_

**Miracle #3 – The \_\_\_\_\_ came to \_\_\_\_\_**

Consider:

- 1) His \_\_\_\_\_

The point: You've never been \_\_\_\_\_ than God had been

- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_

The point: God \_\_\_\_\_

**Miracle #4 – The \_\_\_\_\_ God came to \_\_\_\_\_**

**14 And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness,15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. John 3:14,15 NLT**

**13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:13 NKJV**