

Message Notes

The Lord is Come!

Scripture Passages

(taken from the NIV or ESV)

Introduction – Stop and Hear the Music!

Our challenges in Savoring the Savior this Season

Christmas Message Series:
JOY to the WORLD

Today's Message:
The Lord is Come!

1. What is the Incarnation?

Incarnation = taking on flesh

John 1:14

Historical heresies regarding the Incarnation

2. Why is it important?

- It displays the glory of God.
- It fulfills God's promises.
- It sets up God's salvation.
- It qualifies Jesus as the only Mediator between God and people.
- It showcases God's power over sin and death.

3. Why is it important to us?

- He is _____.
- He is _____.
- We have _____.
- We can _____.

Application – Hope Community, this Christmas, STOP and HEAR the music (and theology) of Joy to the World!

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Luke 2:13-14

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 among those with whom he is pleased!"

Matthew 1:22-23

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us)

Galatians 4:4-5

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Matthew 1:18-21

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Hebrews 2:17-18

17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



**Our challenges in
Savoring the Savior
during this season**

**What one word best describes
your biggest challenge within the
Christmas season?**





JOY
* *to the* *
WORLD



Today - The Lord is Come!

12/22/13 - The Savior reigns!

12/29/13 - No more let sins and sorrows grow

1/5/14 - He rules the world with truth and grace

1/12/14 - He makes the nations prove

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“The gods have come down to us.”

Ancient heresies regarding the Incarnation

Ebionism = Sees Jesus Christ as
humanity without divinity
(special, but still only human)

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Docetism = Sees Jesus Christ as
divinity without humanity
(he only appeared to be human)

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Apollinarianism = Asserts that
divinity diminishes humanity
(the divine Spirit replaces the human spirit)

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Nestorianism = Sees Jesus Christ as
divinity plus humanity
(two persons, two natures, moral unity only)

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“The formula of Chalcedon does not attempt to solve the mystery of the God/Man, but it sets bounds for thinking and speaking about the nature of Christ without falling into heresy. In summary, it states that Jesus is true God; Jesus is true human; there is unity without fusion; there is distinction without separation. Thus Jesus is the God/Man and the relationship between the two natures is unity/distinction.”

~Graeme Goldsworthy, Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics



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Isaiah 7:13-14

13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?
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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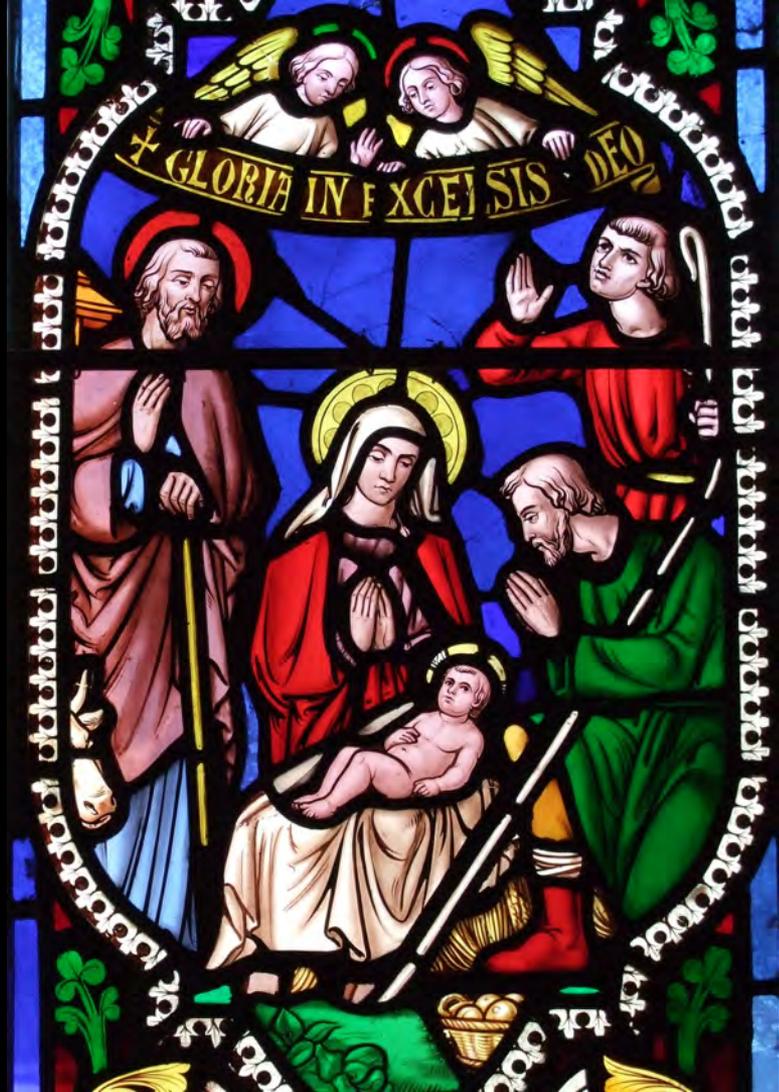
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5. It showcases God's power over sin and death

Hebrews 2:14-15

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Why is the
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Why is important to us?

1. God is WITH US!

Immanuel = God with us

Why is important to us?

2. God is FOR US!

Romans 8:31

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? **33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Why is important to us?

3. We have SEEN GOD.

John 14:8-9

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

Why is important to us?

4. We can RECEIVE GOD.

John 1:9-13

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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Amidst the struggles,
will you **STOP** and
HEAR the music?

