

Back to the BEGINNING ~ John 1:1-14

→ Scripture Reading - John 1:1-5, 14

What is the BIG DEAL About Jesus?

Jesus's BIRTH was not just important because of - **WHO He turned out to BE**

His BIRTH was important because of - **WHERE He came FROM**

John 1:1-5 (NIV) ¹ In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God, and the WORD was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:14,17 (NIV) The WORD became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, FULL of Grace and Truth.

¹⁷ For the LAW was given through Moses; GRACE and TRUTH came THROUGH Jesus Christ.

→ The WORD IS Jesus Christ

⁴ In Him was LIFE, and that life was the LIGHT of men. ⁵ The LIGHT shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. (NLT)

The Nature of Light is to SHINE

Light INVADES the Dominion of Darkness

Darkness can NEVER overpower the Light

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 RECEIVED Him, to those who Believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God

¹⁰ He came into the very world He created, but the world didn't recognize Him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who BELIEVED Him and accepted Him, He gave the RIGHT to become children of God. (NLT)

It is VERY CLEAR...

- Jesus Christ existed BEFORE time vs. 1
- Jesus WAS and IS God vs. 1
- Jesus Created ALL THINGS vs. 3
- He is the source of LIFE vs. 4
- Jesus is the LIGHT that Conquers Darkness vs. 5
- ALL who BELIEVE in HIM become His Children vs. 12

Why Would GOD Come to Earth?

→ He Came to SHOW His Love FOR us

John 3:16-17 (NIV) For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

God...

- LOVED us
- GAVE His Son
- SENT Jesus to Save NOT to Condemn

1 John 4:10 (NIV) This is Love: NOT that we loved God, but that HE loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for OUR sins.

➔ **He Came To DEMONSTRATE His Love for us - Rom 5:8**

Romans 5:8 (NIV) But God demonstrates His own Love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ DIED for us.

God...

- DEMONSTRATED His Love
- SENT His Son as a SACRIFICED for sin

Jesus paid it ALL - ALL to Him I owe
Sin had left a Crimson Stain - He washed it White as Snow
For nothing good have I - Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white - In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.
Jesus paid it ALL - ALL to Him I owe
Sin had left a Crimson Stain - He washed it White as Snow

TAKE AWAY???

➔ **We can Give our LIVES to HIM**

John 1:12 (NIV) Yet to ALL who Received Him, to those who BELIEVED in His NAME, He gave the Right to become children of God...

God calls us to ACT on it... we must

- admit we NEED a Savior
- BELIEVE Jesus is that SAVIOR
- put our TRUST and confidence ONLY in Him

This Means we...

- STOP trying to EARN salvation
- STOP following OUR OWN way
- Look ONLY to Jesus Christ

➔ **We can Love ONE ANOTHER**

1 John 4:11 (NIV) Dear friends, SINCE God so loved us, WE ALSO ought to love one another.

➔ **Christmas is our SHOW AND TELL - we get to SHOW others the Love of Jesus.**