John 1:1–5,14 (NLT)

¹ In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God.

³ God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him.

⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and Him life brought light to everyone.

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

¹⁴ So the Word became flesh and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

Back to the BEGINNING

John 1:1-14

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 S 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
 Jesus WAS and IS God
 Jesus Created ALL THINGS

He is the source of LIFE
 Jesus is the LIGHT that Conquers Darkness
 ALL who BELIEVE in HIM become His Children

→He Came to SHOW His Love FOR us

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

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

→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