

Christmas-The Right Person



Galatians 4:4-6

Summary of Today's Message

Unlike any other Man, Jesus obeyed the law perfectly.

He lived the perfect life we could never live. In our text we learn that at just the right time, God sent forth Jesus who pre-existed in His presence, who was both God and man, to redeem those who were under the law.

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Aristotle taught for 40 years

Plato taught for 50 years

Socrates taught for 40 years

Jesus taught for three years

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Encyclopedia Britannica in their article "Treating
Jesus Christ"

20,000 words dedicated to Jesus Christ

More than they wrote for Aristotle, Alexander the
Great, Buddha, Caesar, Cicero, Confucius and the
Prophet Muhammad put together

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Someone once said, "Christmas is when God came down the stairs of heaven with a baby in His arms"

Real story: "Christmas is when God came down the stairs of heaven with a Savior in His arms"

II. JESUS IS THE RIGHT PERSON

A. Sent by God

Jesus Christ is the only one who ever lived before He was born

"Father, restore unto me the glory that I had with you before the world was" (see John 17:24)

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"I proceeded forth and came from God...He sent me"

John 8:42

"I have come down from Heaven" John 6:38

Jesus Christ, the only one God ever sent

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If our greatest need was information, God would have sent an educator

If our greatest need was technology, God would have sent us a scientist

If our greatest need was money, God would have sent us an economist

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If our greatest need was pleasure, God would have
sent us an entertainer

But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us
a Savior

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B. The Son of God; Mysteries of the Incarnation

God becoming man

Paul told Timothy, "Great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh" 1 Timothy 3:16

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Term: Son of God, means deity – He's God

Jesus never "became" God, He was God, before He was born, after He became man

God sent His Son to reveal Himself to the world.

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C. Jesus was Surrendered to God

Philip Yancey wrote, "Imagine for a moment becoming a baby again; imagine giving up language and muscle coordination; imagine losing the ability to eat solid food and control your bladder."

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God as a fetus. Or, imagine yourself becoming a sea slug, that analogy is probably closer. On that day in Bethlehem the Maker of all that is took the form of a helpless, dependent new-born."

III. Closing Thoughts – God sent His Son, a Savior

He didn't send a Santa

Real, historic person: Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

Compassionate

Gave gifts

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Church council – council of Nicaea, Nicholas slapped
another man for denying the deity of Christ

We are the ones who have exalted Saint Nicholas to a
job he never had

Jesus is reality, not a myth