The Meaning of Christmas John 1:1-18

Advent-Arrival

The meaning tends to be obscured by <u>tradition</u>

"You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God
In order to establish your tradition." Mk.7:9

To understand the meaning of Christmas we must look closely at The Incarnation.

In the beginning – God interacted with perfect man
The **Word** was with God
The **Word** was God Jn.1:1

In the Incarnation–the Word became <u>flesh</u> and dwelt among us Jn.1:14

"Emptied Himself..." Phil.2:6,7

<u>United</u> with sinful mankind "Son of Perez..." Lk.3:33

Insight into the Incarnation-"We have seen His Glory" Jn.1:14

"He has made Him Known" Jn.1:18

Application:

When you think about Christmas what is normally your focus?

How does the incarnation affect your understanding of God?

What thoughts and feelings impact you as you consider that Jesus limited Himself by taking on flesh?