

III. **GOD WITH US**

Not just a select few, but **all** of us.

A. All may **come** to Christ.

“And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world”

I John 2:2

“who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

I Timothy 2:4

B. Come **Now**!

“...Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

II Corinthians 6:2b

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

**God left heaven and came to this earth
to save you because He wanted to have
a forever relationship with you.**

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”

I Peter 3:18

WHO IS JESUS? – UNVEILING HIS IDENTITY

Who Is Jesus? – Part One

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INTRODUCTION

A. Merry Christmas!! This season of the year includes special expressions of celebration. Historically, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus. Commercially, Christmas celebrates the buying and exchanging of gifts. Theologically, Christmas celebrates the incarnation, God coming to earth in the form of human flesh.

“I In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:1, 14

B. In this series we are going to do a deep dive into the important question, Who Is Jesus? The short answer is Jesus is God; but what does that mean and why should you believe it?

TODAY	Who Is Jesus? – Part One
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Dec 27	Who Is Jesus? – Part Three

Come and hear these messages and discover who is Jesus!

C. **TEXT:** Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible/Pg. 945/New Test)

“Immanuel” means God with us (1:23). This name describes the **nature** of Jesus that He is God.

WHO IS JESUS? – PART ONE

I. GOD WITH US

Not a representative of Himself, but God Himself.

How Do We Know Jesus Is God?

A. Because of the manner of His conception.

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14

“And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.” Luke 1:35

B. Because Christ Himself claimed to be God.

“56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”

57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

58 Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”

John 8:56-59

C. Because of the testimony of His Apostles.

“25 The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”

So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”

27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” John 20:25-28

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;” Colossians 2:9

II. GOD WITH US

Not from a distance, but up close and personal.

A. He is with us through all of the experiences of life.

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.”

Isaiah 43:2

“5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

6 So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

Hebrews 13:5-6

B. He is with us in death and beyond.

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4

“38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39