

Hebrews 7.11

The Coming of God

What happens when God Himself comes into our world? Today, we remember the answer. As we celebrate Christmas remember that it is the night of nights in all of human history; The coming of God into our fallen estate is the most wondrous and mysterious event, and its remembrance is precious to us all. We set aside this night to commemorate this most spectacular of realities, the simple and inexplicable fact that God Himself entered into His creation and set right what sin has destroyed. No one could decide this but God. No other will could fulfill nor even begin the work. It was not a task which could be accomplished by a proxy, by an emissary or even a commissioned ambassador... this was something that could only be done by God Himself.

I. GOD ENTERS CREATION

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

- A. All other religions are man's efforts to get to God, even Judaism was focused on the work of man, the High Priest offering sacrifices and working atonement for sin was at best incomplete...
- B. But when Christ came, everything changed - for God Himself had taken a hand in the matter and had set Himself to complete the task of transforming this fallen world back in to the place where His children dwell.
- C. Jesus was not just another preacher, He was God made flesh - He was God with us, incarnate and present in the fullest sense of the word!
John 8:58 (NKJV) ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

II. PEACE IS PROCLAIMED

Luke 2.8-14

III. GOOD IS ENACTED

Isaiah 61.1-3

IV. POWER IS APPLIED

Matthew 11:4–6 (NKJV) ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

A. Blind see

John 9.1-7; 24-34

B. Lame walk

Mark 2.1-12

C. Lepers cleansed

Mark 1:40–42 (NKJV) ⁴⁰ Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.” ⁴¹ Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” ⁴² As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

D. Deaf hear

Mark 7.32-37

E. Dead raised

Luke 7.11-16

John 11.17-52;

John 12.9-11

F. Sick healed

Matthew 9:20–22 (NKJV) ²⁰ And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. ²¹ For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” ²² But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour.

G. Captives freed

Luke 4.16-21

Luke 8.26-33; 38-39

Luke 9.37-42

V. SIN BROKEN

John 8.1-12

Mark 2.5,10

Romans 3.21-26

2Corinthians 5.21

VI. DARKNESS IS BANISHED

John 8:12 (NKJV) ¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

John 12:46 (NKJV) ⁴⁶ I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

VII. LIFE HAS COME

John 11:25–26 (NKJV) ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

John 10:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 17:3 (NKJV) ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.