

## Why Celebrate Christmas?

### Why celebrate Christmas? We don't have a worldwide holiday for your birthday or my birthday?

Mat 1:18-25 (ESV) Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. [19] And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. [20] But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21] She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." [22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: [23] "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). [24] When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, [25] but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

### Let me give you four quick reasons you should consider celebrating Christmas.

#### We celebrate Christmas because...

#### 1. Christmas is a God-designed strategy. (Matt. 1:18, 22)

- We celebrate Christmas because in Christmas we see the working out of God's plan. We see the unfolding of God's design to show his love.
- Gen 3:15 (ESV) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."
- Rom 1:2-3 (ESV) which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, [3] concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh
- 2Co 8:9 (ESV) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

- Gal 4:4-5 (ESV) But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
- Php 2:5-8 (ESV) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

## 2. Christmas is a supernatural spectacle. (Matt. 1:18b-20, 23a)

- There has never been or will there ever be another birth like the birth of Jesus. The birth of Jesus was a supernatural work of God.
- In the birth of Jesus, we have God doing something so marvelous and so majestic that our minds struggle to comprehend it.
- We have the genesis (birth) of the God-Man. Jesus fully God, Jesus fully man.
- From that point forward and now forever as the God-Man.
- Col 2:9 (ESV) For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

## 3. Christmas is God's salvation story. (Matt. 1:21, 25b)

- We were never going to be able to save ourselves.
- The damage done by our sin was too great.
- The only One who could save us was the perfect, sinless Son of God.

## 4. Christmas is God shattering the separation of sin. (Matt. 1:23b)

- The gulf between us and God was so great that we could never cross it.
- God looked down from heaven and came to us.
- God with us—shattering the separation of sin.

**Why celebrate Christmas? Because Christmas reveals all God has done to save us.**

**How do I celebrate Christmas? Believe in Jesus and call upon him as your Savior and Lord.**