

Why Christmas?

What Does Christmas Say About God?

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When I was a boy I used to stare up at the clouds and wonder if God was up there. I'm not alone. Every culture known to human history has worshiped some kind of deity.

Over the years I've been inside Muslim mosques, Buddhist temples, Hindu shrines, and Jewish synagogues. I've stood beside Mt. Olympus, where the Greeks thought Zeus and his fellow gods lived. With so many different versions of God, how can we know which one, if any, is real? What does Christmas tell us about God?

I have two sons. The more you know them, the more you know about me. Like them, Jesus revealed his Father everywhere he went. He showed us his Father's power when he walked on water and calmed stormy seas. He showed us his Father's compassion when he fed the hungry, healed the sick, and raised the dead. And he showed us his Father's love when he was born on Christmas Day.

You see, Jesus was the only Child in human history to choose the circumstances of his birth. He chose his parents, the place where he would be born, and the people to visit him after his birth.

If you had been able to choose your parents, wouldn't you have selected people of great wealth and power? Jesus chose peasants from a town so small it's not mentioned even once in the Old Testament.

If you had chosen the place of your birth, wouldn't you have selected a sterile hospital in a major city? Jesus chose a cave beneath a roadside hotel.

If you had chosen the first people to visit you, would you have selected grimy field hands? Jesus did. In fact, the shepherds who came to his birth weren't allowed into a synagogue to worship or a courtroom to testify, but they were invited to meet the Son of God.

What does Christmas say about God? We couldn't climb up to him, so he climbed down to us. No matter what mistakes you've made with your life, if you ask Jesus to forgive them and turn your life over to him as your Lord, you'll experience God's love for yourself.

In 1966, *Time* magazine ran a controversial cover story asking, "Is God Dead?" Someone asked Billy Graham what he thought about the debate. Dr. Graham smiled and said, "I can assure you he's not dead—I talked with him today."

So can you.