



“The Miracle of Christmas”

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Introduction - As the apostle John describes it, Christmas is the Grand miracle of all miracles.

I. The Miracle of Christmas.

- A. Has God come to visit us or not?
- B. John uses the word “Logos” (“Word”) to carefully make his point.
 - 1. Jesus was the Word.
 - 2. Jesus was with God.
 - 3. Jesus was God.
- C. John then describes the Christmas miracle: The incarnation. “The Word (God) became flesh.”
- D. John calls Jesus “the begotten of the Father.” (Jn. 1:14,18)
- E. Jesus believed He was God in the flesh.
- F. How could He get anybody to believe it?

II. The Meaning of Christmas.

- A. What difference does it make that Jesus is the Logos?
- B. First, it means the end of the problem of meaning.
 - 1. The “Logos” referred to the purpose or reason for something’s existence.
 - 2. The Greek philosophers were trying to find the Logos of life.
 - 3. They eventually gave up and spilt into schools of thought on how to respond. Examples:
 - a. The Stoics:
 - b. The Epicureans:
 - 4. John states that Jesus is the Logos of life.
- C. Second, it means the end of the problem of guilt.
 - 1. Jesus became a man to die for our sins.
 - 2. When we believe in Him God completely accepts us.
- D. How can we receive His grace? We can learn from the shepherds.

Conclusion