



Why the Nativity?

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A Sermon Resource From The Nativity Story

The nativity is about Almighty God sending His one and only Son down to this earth. This is His gift to us, not for Christmas, but for eternity. He doesn't want us to admire it, or merely acknowledge His gift. He wants everyone to receive His gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, by inviting Him into our lives.

Hebrews 2

I. Who Was Born?

Hebrews 2:9; John 1:1; John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16

The majesty of this moment in time, and the reason why it captures our attention, is the sense that God Himself is being born. How can that be? As Paul said to Timothy, it is the mystery of godliness, and beyond our comprehension.

II. Where Did He Come From?

John 1:2-3; 2 Timothy 1:9

Jesus did not begin in Bethlehem. He came down from the Father in heaven. There never was a time when He did not exist, nor will there ever be a time that He ceases to exist.

III. How Did He Come?

Hebrews 2: 9; Psalm 8:4-5; Hebrews 2:17

Almighty God made His son into a man; a man just as we are. Jesus came down from heaven, and He took upon Himself a human body.

IV. Why Did He Come?

Hebrews 10:7

Jesus came to do His Father's will.

A. He Came to Destroy Satan's Power

Hebrews 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:55



Jesus came down to be born in Bethlehem's manger for the express purpose of going to the cross one day and dying. Not just dying, but coming back from death to put a final end to death for those who put their trust in Him.

1. The First Death
John 11:24-25

Physical death is the separation of the soul and spirit from the body.

2. The Second Death
Revelation 21:8

The second death is the separation of the soul and the spirit from God, forever and ever. It has no resurrection possibilities.

B. He Came to Die for Every Person

Hebrews 2:9; Hebrews 2:17

1. All have sinned – **Romans 3:23**
2. The gift of God is eternal life- **Romans 6:23**
3. Christ died for us – **Romans 5:8**
4. There is only one way of salvation- **John 14:6**

Jesus was God, and God is infinite. Because God is infinite, His death would be infinite. His death would be so infinite that it would be one-on-one death for every person who ever lived.

C. He Came to Deliver Us from the Fear of Death

Hebrews 2:15

Some people lose the meaning of their present life out of fear of their coming death. When we personally accept the truth that Jesus Christ died for our sin, we know that when we die, we will go to heaven; we don't need to fear death.

D. He Came to Demonstrate His Love for You

Hebrews 2:18; Romans 5:8

As we go to God in prayer, through Christ, those prayers are filtered through the heart of One who knows every experience we have ever known. That is what the nativity is – the Father sending His Son to earth that we might know God.

E. He Came Down So That We Could Go Up



Hebrews 2:10

When we accept what He did on our behalf, and receive Him as our personal Savior and acknowledge that His work on the cross is our only hope of going up - to heaven, at our death, and up to an abundant life while on earth. We accept His forgiveness of our sins and are born into the family of God, as we trust Him eternally.

Conclusion:

The nativity is about Almighty God sending His one and only Son down to this earth. This is His gift to us, not for Christmas, but for eternity. He doesn't want us to admire it, anymore than we would merely admire a gift given from a loved one. He doesn't want us to merely acknowledge His gift. He wants everyone; He wants you, to receive His gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, by inviting Him into your life. If you have never received Jesus Christ into your life, I encourage you to pray this prayer:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that I cannot measure up to Your perfect standard. I fall short. I understand the wages for that is death. I thank You that You sent Jesus Christ to pay the penalty that I couldn't pay. You sent Him to be my substitute, my Savior, and You want to give me the gift of eternal life, through Him. I receive Jesus Christ as my Savior. I accept Your gift to me. I invite Him into my heart. I ask Him to forgive my sin. And I acknowledge that as He comes into my heart, I become a part of His family and that because He came down, one day I shall go up.

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