

Why Christmas Is So Special JESUS

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1. God Left Heaven

Philippians 2:6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

Colossians 1:15-16 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

2. God Became Man - JESUS

Philippians 2:7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form...

He Was Born

Luke 2:5-7 He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

He Grew

Luke 2:52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

He Was Tempted

Hebrews 4:15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

He Suffered

Matthew 26:38 He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

3. JESUS Came To Die

Philippians 2:8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

To Demonstrate God's Love

Romans 5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

John 15:13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

To Pay For Our Sins

1 Peter 2:24 He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

4. JESUS Is Lord

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 2:11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

Romans If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Will you put Christ in your Christmas this year?

