

Lesson Notes:

## **The Significance of Christmas**

No one else in human history from any other religion has come and given his life for us. Below is a discussion of the significance of Jesus' birth and the Christmas season. As Jesus said in John 14:6, he truly is the "way, the truth and the life".

### **Scriptural Principles**

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- 1) He had a Heavenly Existence Prior to his birth** – In **John 1:1-3** John tells us that in the beginning was the Word and the Word was God and the Word was with God. Then in verse 14 he tells us that the Word was made flesh to dwell among us. In this passage he is referring to Jesus.
- 2) He is God, Son and Creator of the heavens** – In **Philippians 2:5-11** the apostle Paul tells us that Jesus is the equal of God in Heaven. But he took on human form so that he could come to earth as the propitiation for our sins.
- 3) He came as God's gift to all of humanity** – In **John 3:16-17** Jesus tells us that he is a gift from our heavenly father and that our father in heaven so loved us that he provided our Lord Jesus so that through him the world might be saved.
- 4) His arrival was so great that it would be announced to Mary by the Angel Gabriel.** – In **Luke 1:26-38** we are told of the angelic visit of Gabriel to Mary to announce the birth of our Lord Jesus.
- 5) His birth was so great that it was recognized by the unborn.** – In **Luke 1:39-45** we are told that when Mary visited Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist that John recognized the voice of Mary and knew that she was carrying Christ Jesus. He was so excited about the Gift of God that he leaped in Elizabeth's Womb.
- 6) Unlike any earthly King he came in complete humility.** – In **Luke 2:6-7** we are told that he was wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger (feed trough).
- 7) His coming was so great it was announced to the World through an Angel and it caused the Angels in Heaven to sing.** – **Luke 2:8-14**
- 8) Jesus is the only way to Salvation.** – In **John 3:16-17** Jesus tells us of his purpose. In **John 14:6** Jesus tells us that he is the way the truth and the life and no one comes to his father except through him. Finally in **Ephesians 2:8-9** Paul tells us that we are saved through faith and the grace of our Lord and not by any works we perform.

