

The Hope Behind Christmas

Luke 1:35 – The angel replied to her: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. (CSB)

Why Christ brings HOPE to Christmas:

I. Jesus came to earth to show you **what God is like**.

Lord: The **Eternal** One

John 1:1-3 – ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it. (CSB)

A. Jesus has always **existed**

B. Jesus **created** all things.

Colossians 1:16 – For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through him and for him. (CSB)

C. Jesus **rules** over all things.

Luke 1:32-33 – ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.” (CSB)

II. Jesus came to earth to bring you **true life**.

Jesus: the **human** One

A. Jesus was **born** a human son.

Matthew 1:21 – She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. (CSB)

B. Jesus **lived** a human life.

Hebrews 5:8 – Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. (CSB)

C. Jesus was **tempted** in every human way.

Luke 4:2 – for forty days to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over, he was hungry. (CSB)

D. He **died** a human death.

Philippians 2:8 – Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (NASB)

III. Jesus came to earth to show you **can trust God**.

Immanuel: God **with** us

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel. (CSB)

IV. Jesus came to earth to show you **forgiveness**.

Christ: the **sacrificial** One

A. Jesus is the **resurrection** and the **light**.

John 1:4-5 – ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it. (CSB)

B. He is the **lamb** of God.

John 1:29 – The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (CSB)

C. He is the **payment** for our sin.

Hebrews 2:17 – For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. (NIV)

D. He is the **hope** of our Salvation.

Acts 4:12 – There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved. (CSB)

Thought For The Week:

God spent an **eternity** preparing His **gift** for you.