# CHRISTMAS 2024...It Can Change Your Life

#### "The Shepherd's Question: Who Is Jesus To Me?" – Pt 3 December 15, 2024

## 1. THE RELEVANCE OF CHRISTMAS: God came to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

"Christ is the <u>exact likeness of the unseen God</u>. He existed before God made anything at all, and in fact, <u>Christ himself is the Creator</u> who made everything in heaven and earth ..." **Colossians 1:15-16a (LB)** 

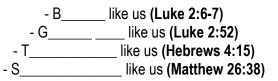
"He became like men and was born a human being."

## Philippians 2:7b (Amp Classic)

"He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made <u>in</u> <u>human likeness</u> and being found <u>in appearance as a man</u> ..."

Philippians 2:7-8a (NIV '84)

# How was Jesus like us?



#### 2. THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS: Jesus came for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. He came to show us what God is like.
- 2. He came to show us what life should really be like, to show us how to really live.
- 3. He came to show us that we can trust God.
- 4. He came to forgive everything you've every done wrong so that you can go to a perfect place called heaven when you die.

"He became a man so that He could take away our sins..." 1 John 3:5 (LB)

"Though He was God... He laid aside His mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And He humbled Himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross." **Philippians 2:6-8 (LB)** 

Why did God come to earth in the form of a human and die for you?

Because God \_\_\_\_\_

"God <u>showed how much He loved us</u> by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is <u>real love</u>... that God sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." **1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)** 

"God <u>showed his great love for us</u> by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." **Romans 5:8 (LB)** 

# \_\_\_\_ are the reason for the season

## 3. THE RESULT OF CHRISTMAS: You can \_\_\_\_\_

"We were <u>restored to friendship with God</u> by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, and we will certainly be <u>delivered from eternal punishment</u> by His life. So now we can rejoice in our <u>wonderful new relationship with God</u> – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us..."

Romans 5:10-11 (NLT '96)

"Let those who love your salvation exclaim, "What a <u>wonderful</u> God He is!" Psalm 70:4b (LB)

# WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS WONDERFUL GIFT?

A\_\_\_\_\_ it!

"If you <u>declare</u> with your mouth, `JESUS IS LORD', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." **Romans 10:9 (NIV)** 

A – \_\_\_\_\_ I admit that I'm a sinner.

B – \_\_\_\_\_ I believe that HE loves me that HE is in control and HE can take even the bad things in my life and turn them around and bring good out of them because HE is calling the shots.

C – \_\_\_\_\_ I commit the rest of my life to following His plan for my I life, the purpose I was created for in the first place.

"For this reason God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name... (One day) all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees, and <u>all will openly proclaim</u> <u>that Jesus Christ</u> is <u>Lord</u>, to the glory of God the father." **Philippians 2:9-11 (GN)**