
The Hope of Christmas: Freedom

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“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.” *Micah 5:2, ESV*

The Uniqueness of Jesus Birth Is That He Did Not
_____ at His Birth

#1 – Jesus’ Nature Was Not of _____ but of _____

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” *John 1:1, 14, ESV*

To Describe Jesus Is to Describe BOTH Natures:
_____ / _____

1. When We Think of Jesus We Normally Think of His Human Side – God _____ in Flesh

No _____!

2. The God Side – The _____ Son

“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” *Revelation 1:9–18, ESV*

Why the Incarnation?

“Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.” *Hebrews 2:14–15, NLT*

Jesus Became a Man Because What Was Needed Was the
Death of a Man Who Was _____

#2 – Jesus Took Our _____ at Bethlehem, To Die Our _____ in Jerusalem

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” *Romans 3:23–26, ESV*

We Do Injustice to the Scriptures and the Purpose of God If We Say
“Merry Christmas” Without “_____”

#3 – The Hope of Christmas: Freedom from the _____ of _____

“Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying” *Hebrews 2:15, NLT*

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” *John 8:36, ESV*

“By His Death, Jesus Wiped Away All Our Sins. And A Person Without Sin Puts Satan _____” –
J. Piper

If the Biggest Threat to My Joy Is Gone, Then Why
Should I Fret Over the _____?

We Allow Our Fears to _____ Our Lives
and _____ Our Decisions

Answer: To _____ in His Presence