

# **THE AMAZING TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS**

*The Christmas Story- Part 2*

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**Luke 2:8-11, Philippians 2:5-11**

## **WHY IS CHRISTMAS SUCH A BIG DEAL?**

### **TRUTH # 1: GOD CAME TO EARTH.**

*"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God..." vs. 5-6a (NIV)*

*"...He has always been God by nature..." (Ph)*

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

### **TRUTH # 2: GOD BECAME A MAN.**

*"But made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man..." vs. 7-8a (NIV)*

*Luke 2:6-7, Luke 2:52, Heb. 4:15, Matt 26:38*

### **TRUTH# 3: JESUS CAME TO DIE.**

*"He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!" vs. 8b (NIV)*

#### **WHY DID HE DO IT?**

##### **■ To demonstrate God's love**

*"But God demonstrated His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NKJV)*

##### **■ To pay for my sins**

*"He personally carried the load of our sins in His own body when He died on the cross, so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life." I Peter 2:24 (LB)*

### **TRUTH # 4: JESUS IS LORD.**

*"Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD..." vs. 9-11a (NIV)*

*"If you confess with your mouth, 'JESUS IS LORD', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the death, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (NIV)*