



THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

JOHN 1:1-18

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14

The glory of Christmas is the Christ of Christmas.

The Word and Christmas

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. - John 1:1-2

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. - John 1:3

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. - John 1:4-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. - Genesis 1:1,3

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. - Hebrews 1:3

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth...all things were created through him and for him. - Colossians 1:15-16

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. - Colossians 1:17

The Witness to Christmas

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John, He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. - John 1:6-7

He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. - John 1:8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. - Mark 1:1

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mark 1:3

The Worship of Christmas

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. - John 1:9-10



He came into his own, and his own people did not receive him. - John 1:11

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. - John 1:12-13

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(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") - John 1:15

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. - John 1:16-17

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. - John 1:18

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...though he [Jesus] was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. - Philippians 2:6-7

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. - Philippians 2:8

**Today He who holds the whole creation in His hand is born of a virgin.
He whose essence none can touch is bound in swaddling clothes as a mortal man.**

**God, who in the beginning fashioned the heavens, lies in a manger.
He who rained manna on His people in the wilderness is fed on milk from His mother.**

The Bridegroom of the Church summons the wise men; the Son of the Virgin accepts their gifts.

**We worship Thy birth, O Christ.
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**Show us also Thy holy Presence!
- St Basil the Great**

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." - John 20:27

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" - John 20:28

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