

WHY IS CHRISTMAS SO SPECIAL?
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COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

I. GOD CAME TO EARTH

“Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation. For by Him all things are created. For God was pleased to have His fullness dwell in Him”. Colossians 1:15, 16, 19

“Jesus was in His very nature God. He made himself nothing taking the very nature a servant. Being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man. Phil.2:6-8

II. HE CAME FOR OUR BENEFIT

“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.” Phil. 2:6-8 (LB)

Why did He do it?

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

- Jesus came to earth to show us what God is like.
 - Jesus came to show us how to really live.
 - Jesus came to earth to show us that we can trust God.
- Jesus came to earth to forgive everything you’ve ever done

III. WE CAN KNOW HIM

“We were restored to friendship with God by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, and we will be delivered from eternal punishment by His life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us...” Rom. 5:10-11 (NLT)

“Let those who love your salvation exclaim, “What a wonderful God He is!” Ps. 70:4 (LB)

“For this reason God gave Jesus the name that is greater than any other name... (One day) all beings in heaven, and on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees, and all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.” Phil. 2:9-11 (GN)