



Why God Needed Christmas

Galatians 4:4-5; Romans 5:7-8; Acts 3:14-15; Matthew 1:20-23

Bottom Line

God staged a demonstration. The world needed an illustration. We needed to see it to believe it.

Introduction

The events of Christmas would be Unbelievable if the story wasn't so Remarkable.

Struggle

The story began in Genesis with a promise that through one man, the entire world would be blessed—because apparently the world needed blessing. The world needed Christmas. But, as it turns out, God did as well.

Parents, have you ever thought, “If they only knew how I feel about them and that I have their best interests in mind, they would trust me”?

Truth

God, our heavenly Father, felt the same way. How would He get the word out?

Christmas!

The Apostle Paul said in Galatians 4:4-5, “But when the **set time** had fully come, God **sent** his Son, **born** of a woman, **born** under the law, **to redeem** those under the law, that we might receive **adoption** to **sonship**.”

How would we know where we stood with God if God had not come to stand with us? So, at just the right time, God staged a demonstration because actions speak louder than words.

Romans 5:8, “But God **demonstrates** ...”

sunisthmi: to provide evidence of a personal characteristic or claim through action; to demonstrate, show, bring out.

Romans 5:8, “But God **demonstrates** his own love **for us** in this: While we were still **sinner**s, Christ died **for us**.”

Acts 3:14-15, “You disowned the **Holy** and **Righteous** One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You **killed** the **author of life**, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.”

Jesus’ death demonstrated the magnitude of our ingratitude.

Jesus’ death demonstrated the magnitude of His love for us.

Romans 5:7-8, “Very **rarely** will anyone die for a **righteous** person, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But **God demonstrates** his own love for us in this: While we were **still sinners**, Christ died for us.”

Conclusion

When the set time had fully come, a Jewish carpenter discovers his fiancée is pregnant. While he’s trying to decide what to do, God sends a messenger to say ...

Matthew 1:20-23, “‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet [Isaiah]: ‘The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel’ (which means . . . ‘God with us’).”

God staged a demonstration of His love, and He documented His love, so the world would know, see, and trust His love. We needed to see it to believe it.

He had to be with us, so we could know he was for us.

We needed a demonstration.

Application

Jesus had to come our way and die our kind of death to lay the groundwork for a relationship of trust with the Father.

There is a great gulf of sin between us and God. The gap. The chasm. The mystery. In Jesus, the chasm is crossed. In Jesus, the mystery is solved.

God demonstrated His trustworthiness with the greatest love sacrifice ever given. Trust Him with your whole life.

Next Steps

- Memorize Romans 5:8
- Meditate on God’s Great Demonstration of Love
- Trust God with Your Whole Life

Next Week: Why We Need Christmas

Why Christmas? As it turns out, we all need Christmas. But it might not be for the reasons you think.

