

Make It Christmas

For Eternity

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⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:4-7 NIV

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:8-12 NIV

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

Luke 2:13 NIV

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

Luke 2:14-15 NIV

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:16-20 NIV

“All that is not eternal is eternally out of date.”

— C. S. Lewis

¹ We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. ² This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us.

1 John 1:1-3 NLT

¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷ And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

1 John 2:15-17 NLT

¹¹ And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

1 John 5:11-12 NLT

It's Christmas When You Meet Jesus for Yourself

- Mary and Joseph
- Shepherds on Christmas Night of His Birth
- Anna and Simeon Eight Days Later
- The Wisemen from the East up to 2 Years Later
- Peter and John When They Were Fishing
- A Women Caught in Adultery on a Dusty Street with an Angry Mob
- A Thief Found his Christmas Moment on a Cross Next to Jesus
- Thomas After the Resurrection
- Paul Found His Christmas on a Road to Persecute Followers of Jesus

When Did You Find Christmas?

Its Christmas When You Embrace Eternal Life with God

If You Don't Meet Jesus You Will Never Find Christmas

"Once a man is united to God, how could he not live forever?"

— C. S. Lewis

"Though we cannot experience our life as an endless present, we are eternal in God's eyes; that is, in our deepest reality."

— C. S. Lewis

Broken No More

¹⁵ The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

Revelation 11:15 NLT

⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:4 NLT

- He will Wipe Every Tear from Your Eyes
- There will be no More Death
- No More Crying
- No More Pain
- A New Way Has Come

The Gift You Have Always Wanted

"Christ is the desire of nations, the joy of angels, the delight of the Father. What peace then must that soul be filled with that has possession of Him for all eternity!"

— John Bunyan

¹³ I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13 NLT

"When the author walks on the stage the play is over. God is going to invade, all right - something so beautiful to some of us and so terrible to others that none of us will have any choice left? For this time it will be God without disguise. It will be too late then to choose your side."

— C. S. Lewis