

What's So Merry About Christmas?

SERIES: THE JESUS STORY
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1. The _____ Of Christmas:
God Came To Earth _____

"Jesus Christ is 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..."
-Col. 1:15-16 (LB)

"He became like men and was born a human being."
-Phil. 2:7 (Amp)

2. The _____ For Christmas:
Jesus Came _____

"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 GOD 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)

3. The _____ Of Christmas:
I Can _____

"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)

GOD'S GIFT TO ME IS:

1. God's gift to me is _____.
It is custom made to you. "Unto you is born a Savior," the angel said. It is personal.

2. God's gift to me is _____.
This is the most practical gift you'll ever get. You need this gift that God has to offer you. It's very practical.

3. God's gift to me is _____.
Jesus Christ paid for it with His life. That's how much it cost to pay for this gift.

4. God's gift to me is _____.
It will last forever throughout eternity.

"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)

ANSWER KEY:
Relevance/Because of Me; Reason/To Save Me From My Sin; Result/
know God; Personal; Practical; Priceless; Permanent

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