



-- J.I. Packer – “It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas, that the most profound unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie. God became man; nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the incarnation.”

-- **Big Idea: Christmas is the astonishing mystery by which the eternal God came into the world to save us.**

1.) Christmas is about one-of-a-kind **BIRTH**

-- v. 37 – The most astonishing aspect of Christ’s birth is that Christ existed before He was born.

-- Jesus’ birth was not an instance of creation, but one of **INCARNATION**

-- His birth was not the creation of a new person, but the coming into the world of One who was infinitely old (Micah 5:2).

-- Jesus was not merely born, but “*He came into the world*” (John 8:56-58, John 1:1-2, Philippians 2:5-7, Hebrews 1:1-2).

2.) Christmas is about a one-of-a-kind **SAVIOR**

-- Jesus Christ is and will ever remain the one and only Savior who is uniquely qualified to overcome sin on behalf of all people.

-- **The Savior from sin must be fully MAN**

-- No one but a man ought to pay this debt, otherwise man does not make the satisfaction for His sin.

- The race of Adam could never be restored to the dignity which it would have had had Adam not sinned if it were reinstated by any being not of the same race.

2.) Christmas is about a one-of-a-kind Savior.

-- Our rescuer from our sin must also be fully **GOD**

- Satisfaction for sin ought to be proportionate to the guilt, and man is of himself unable to accomplish this.
 - Man cannot accomplish this satisfaction for his sin because a sinner cannot justify a sinner.
- If any other being should rescue man from eternal death, then man would then become the servant of and owe His worship to a being who is not God.
- Only Christ is **QUALIFIED** to make satisfaction for human sin, because only in Him do full divinity and full humanity exist in the same being (Col. 2:9).
- No imagination of human beings can remotely compare with the eternal reality of the supreme heroism of Christ Jesus the King.

Application

- May God awaken us from the spiritual death that keeps us unfeeling and asleep to the unimaginable and immeasurable glory of the incarnation!
- Might the unfathomable reality that the cosmic Christ came into the world on a rescue mission that only He was qualified to perform fill our hearts with staggering joy and praise.
- Let us come awake to **CHRIST** this Christmas!