

# The Christmas Sacrifice

Matthew 1:18 Now **the birth of Jesus Christ** was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt **call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.** 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel,** which being interpreted is, **God with us.** 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as

the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

1. He was rich and became poor for our sakes

II Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though **he was rich,** yet for your sakes **he became poor,** that ye **through his poverty might be rich.**

- a. Jesus Christ lived before He arrived on earth for what we call Christmas
- b. He lived in the very presence of God
- c. He was and is God
- d. At Christmas we celebrate His intentionally giving up His riches to become poor and come to earth
- e. He became poor so that we could be rich and live forever abundantly

2. He laid down His kingly robes and put on human flesh and became obedient even to the death of the cross

Philippians 2:6 Who, being in the **form of God,** thought it not robbery to be **equal with God:** <sup>7</sup> But **made himself of no reputation,** and took upon him the **form of a servant,** and was **made in the likeness of men:** <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself,** and became **obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

- a. Jesus Christ is God
- b. He was in Heaven equal with God
- c. He gives up His reputation and intentionally takes the form of a servant
- d. He takes the form of a man
- e. Humbling Himself to the point of dying the most horrendous death on the cross

3. He came to give His life a ransom [Matthew 20:28](#) Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to **give his life a ransom for many.**

- a. He came to give His life
- b. He didn't come for us to help Him but to help us
- c. He came to pay the price of our salvation
- d. He rescued us paying the price of our salvation

4. He came to take the penalty of sin for us [I John 2:2](#) And he is the **propitiation for our sins:** and not for ours only, but also for the **sins of the whole world.**

- a. He brings peace on earth and good will for men
- b. He not only paid our sin debt but that of the whole world
- c. Propitiation is similar to the word mercy seat on the altar
- d. It sat above the ark, the 10 commandments, and was the place that God would meet with His people

5. He came to lay down His life [John 10:18](#) **No man taketh it** from me, but **I lay it down of myself.** I have **power to lay it down,** and I have **power to take it again.** This commandment have I received of my Father.

- a. Jesus died on purpose
- b. No one took His life
- c. He was God. He could do what He wanted
- d. He had the authority to lay down His life and take it again
- e. It was not only His will but the will of the Father also
- f. Christmas is the story of God's love towards us as He came in His Son to die on the cross for us