

The Big Christmas Rally - 12/22/19

TEXT – Luke 2:1-14 *And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.*

INTRO- Stock market rally, retail rally, presents, benevolence, programs, bonuses, decorations, family gatherings, food, banquets, travel, music

I. The Activities of Christmas

Christmas rally in the stock market

People are buying presents

School is out

Vacations have begun

Christmas parties are being held

Families are having reunions

Decorations are up

Music is played

People attend churches that rarely do so.

Hardly a single person is not affected by this celebration

There is evidence something is happening and it is all related to Christmas

II. The Deception of Christmas

A. Removing Christ from Christmas – Xmas – Removal of manger scenes – Happy holidays

Liberals don't build anything, improve anything or help anything. They only tear down and destroy things.

B. The pagan roots of Christmas

C. The secularism of Christmas

III. The Real Meaning of Christmas

A. The importance of His birth - The Incarnation Was Not the Divine Son's beginning

1. It was prophesied

4000 BC

Gen 3:15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

700 BC

Isa 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Mic 5:2 *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

Isa 9:6-7 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

400 BC

Mal 3:1 *Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Dan 9:25-26 *Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*

2. It was fulfilled

Mat 1:21-23 *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, 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*

B. The requirement of His sinless life

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

C. The necessity of His substitutionary death on the cross - The Incarnation Is Necessary for Salvation

CONCL – The greatest gift is the gift of God's son

Est 9:22 *As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.*