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Title: Why Christmas Had to Happen

Text: Genesis 3:14-19

The name Christmas is a combination of two words Christ and mass. This name was coined by the Catholic Church centuries ago to signify a mass held on midnight before December 25th. There has been much discussion on when Jesus was born. The Bible is silent on the exact date. However, the Old Testament, especially the Prophets, give great detail about His coming. In Genesis we see a prophecy concerning the future coming of Jesus. The verse occurs in the passage where God is explaining the impact of the curse of sin.

The Sin of Adam And Eve Brought Death into The World. v.19

Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.

Everyone needs to be saved. There is no one righteous. All of mankind dies because of the curses of sin.

The Sin of Adam And Eve Separated Man from God. v.22-24

Genesis 3:22-24 - And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

We aren't able to get to heaven where God reigns. Jesus said He is the way.

The Birth of Jesus Provided the Perfect Sacrifice to Remove Death from The World. v.15

The Genealogy of Jesus is significant.

Joseph - Matthew 1 - The son of Abraham

Mary - Luke 3:23-38 - Son of Adam; the Son of God

Romans 5:17-18 - For by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

God's Plan to Save The World Was Made Before Creation.

Revelation 13:8 - All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

So, What Does All This Mean?

We all are sinners.

Sinners need to be born again.

Unsaved sinners live forever but not in Heaven.

God declared the wages of sin is death.

God provided the payment for sin in the person of Jesus

Jesus had to be perfect and only God is perfect.

Jesus had to be a Man.

Salvation is obtained by faith in Jesus not our works.

All covenants or promises are sealed by the blood or life of a living thing. God laid down His life in the death of Jesus Christ. He raised Himself from the dead signifying that He has power over sin and death. He is truly the Savior.