

# JESUS IS THE GREATEST NEWS!

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## INTRODUCTION:

A. John wants to make sure that we don't miss the Christmas message about the birth of Jesus.

John states:

- Jesus was the Word - the reason for everything (v. 1)
- Jesus, the Word, was God (v. 2-3)
- Jesus is the source of true life - like the light in the darkness (v. 4)
- Jesus was the Messiah heralded by John the Baptist (v. 6-9)
- Jesus would bring spiritual rebirth to those who believe (v. 12)
- Jesus was God incarnate (v. 14)
- Jesus was the Divine Word of grace and truth (v. 14)

## I. JESUS WAS AN ENLIGHTENING TRUTH

***The Word gave life to everything that was created and His life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness...*** — John 1:4-5

***God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony.*** — John 1:6-7

B. Jesus, a baby in a manger, came to give us real life and the eternal life we are looking for.

- Jesus' birth confirms that God has always desired to be in a loving relationship with us.

***Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ...God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.*** — Ephesians 1:4-5

- Jesus' birth confirms that God wants us to enjoy a purposeful, eternal life.

***The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.*** — John 1:5

- Jesus' birth confirms that we are in the dark because of sin which has separated us from God and His good purpose for our life.

***For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*** — Romans 3:23

## II. JESUS' MESSAGE IS BOTH BELIEVABLE AND RECEIVABLE

***But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.*** — John 1:12

***They are reborn – not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.*** — John 1:13

A. Believing and receiving the Message (the Messenger)

***...to those who believe in His name....*** — John 1:12

***The Savior...Christ the Lord.*** — Luke 2:11

- Savior: shows Jesus' purpose; reveals Jesus; declares Jesus' position.

***...and accept Him...*** — John 1:12

- **Accepting** Jesus Christ is the action we need to take

*For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God,  
and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.*

— Romans 10:10

**CONCLUSION:**