

December 19 & 22, 2024



**'Tis the Season Week 4**  
**“'Tis the Season for Clarity”**

**Luke 2:1-2 (NIV)**

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1. Jesus is **historical!**

- It doesn't take faith to believe in Jesus, just history.

**Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

- Jesus is the only historical figure who can change your history.

**Luke 2:1-4 (NIV)**

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governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

## 2. Jesus is **highest**!

### **Micah 5:2 (NIV)**

*“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”*

- In the presence of the highest royalty, we don't stand in willful defiance, but we bow in humble obedience.

### **Phil 2:9-11 (NIV)**

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

- God gave him the name above every name... what name have you given him?

### **Luke 2:1-6 (NIV)**

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## 3. Jesus is **holy**!

### **Matthew 1:18 (NIV)**

*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.*

**John 1:1-2 (NIV)**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

**John 1:14 (NIV)**

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- 'Tis the season to clarify, not condense Jesus!

**Colossians 2:9 (NIV)**

*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,*

- The world has sought to make Jesus a good man; Christmas reveals Jesus as the God man.

**Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)**

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4. Jesus is our **humble Savior**.

**2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)**

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*