

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Many Infallible Proofs”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Acts 1:3

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...for He also presented Himself alive after His beating and death by many infallible proofs, He was seen by the twelve and many more for forty days and spoke to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Eight Arguments of Proof

That Should Make Us Think and Act

JESUS COMING INTO THE WORLD

1 Tim 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

Remembering –
That He is not a Western Jesus. He is not a Movie Star,
He is not on the Top Ten List of
Who's Who in America or in the World

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1.) Jesus Fulfills Bible Prophecy

The Birth and The Coming of Jesus Christ into the World
Was an event that should not have Surprised anyone of the Day

He was Expected to Arrive

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a.) Through the Voice of the Prophets

the science
of biblical prophecy

wanting to know the future is a passion of us all
it is human nature to want to know what lies ahead

God has been careful to tell us only what we need to know
If I knew all the painful things that were coming I couldn't endure it

the voice of the prophets echo on

Telling of things in advance in perfect detail

his coming into the world is an undeniable fact

that being true – you must ask yourself, who then is this Jesus?

That the prophets majored on Him

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2.) Jesus Sets Forth the Way to God

he willfully came to earth to teach us the way to heaven

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a.) Jesus Teaches Us the Way

Jesus made the greatest of Claims
And hasn't failed one yet...

Matt 24:35

"Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will by no means pass away."

Jesus Came and Taught People That There was Only One Way to Find Peace and Fulfilment...

Jesus Came Pointing Mankind to God

THE WAY

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3.) *Jesus Lives Out the Desire of God*

God is Love – Christ-Mass

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a.) *He Unveils the Heart of the Father*

John 8:29

"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

Luke 19:10

"for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The Heart of God

Wants what is **good** for you in this life and eternity

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4.) Jesus Serves the Need of Man

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a.) He Meets Our Temporal Needs

God (Jesus) Meets Our Real Needs

Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Rom 2:4

...knowing this, that it is the goodness of God that leads you to repentance?

God Has Given You All That You Need
~~What about the wants~~

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5.) Jesus Tells Us the Truth

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a.) He Confirms to Us Our Innermost Thoughts

Heaven, Hell, Life and Death
The Grave and Beyond...

**He Knows Who You Are
And He Knows What You Are**

"The Woman at the Well"

The Man at the Office or the Woman at Home

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6.) *Jesus Stops the Power of Death*

He rose from the dead – *deal with that!*

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a.) *Death has no Power over Perfection*

Acts 2:24

"whom God raised up, having loosed the pains (grip) of death,
because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

Harry Houdini

Believed that even death could not hold him down
Before he died he had asked for a telephone to be placed in his coffin so he
could call his friends to dig him out when he returned...

Harry Houdini had a bad connection

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7.) *Jesus Removes Sins Debt*

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a.) *Because Only He can Afford it*

That's Right – Christmas is All about Sin

Matt 1:20-21

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, **for He will save His people from their sins.**"

**there are people who are surprised
to find out that they have been living in debt!!!**

To Live in Debt is to Live in Slavery to Another

**Until Jesus Removes Our Personal Sin-Debt
We are in slavery to it and powerless to Pay it Off**

WE NEED HELP

From someone who is not in Debt – One wealthy enough to get us out of debt...

Rom 3:23-25

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... 24 (but now) being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation (payment) by His blood...

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8.) Jesus Gives the Gift of Eternal Life

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a.) A Gift is Free – With One String Attached

For a Gift to be a Gift...

#1

It Must Be Given

#2

It Must Be Received

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John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 17:1-3

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 1:10-12

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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Lovers at Christmas
Are an Interesting People to be around

“All I Want Is You
this Christmas”

My daughter reminded me last Friday night as we pulled up to the Mall to begin our assault upon the merchants...

He "Remember dad, it's more blessed to give than to receive"

Will You Give, This Year,
You're Self, You're Life to Jesus Christ ?

We'll You "Present" Yourself to Him This Year?