



What is the meaning of Christmas?

«Jesus Christ is the only Savior and the One who heals»

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Every year, in the final days of the calendar year, a celebration known as “Christmas,” the feast of the birth of Jesus Christ, is held across the world. This celebration coincides with the beginning of the New Year and creates an atmosphere filled with joy, light, and hope in many places around the globe, as if all humanity has been invited to a shared and unified festival. During these days, homes, stores, shopping centers, and streets are adorned with Christmas trees, gifts, and beautiful lights; it is as though this celebration is not merely for temporary joy, but carries a good message and a hopeful proclamation for all mankind. But what is this proclamation? Is it only the change of a calendar, the passing from one year to another? Or is there a far greater and deeper truth hidden behind it?

This good news is not merely the transition from one year to the next; it is a message far more precious and profound. To understand this proclamation, one must take a mental journey back through the depths of history—several thousand years—to a beautiful garden, the “Garden of Eden,” where the first two humans, “Adam” and “Eve,” lived in the presence of God. According to the Holy Scriptures, they lived in intimate communion with their Creator in that divine garden, and they were granted authority and dominion over the world:

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let him have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the livestock, all the earth...’” (Genesis 1:26)

But through their disobedience to God, by accepting Satan’s deceit and eating the forbidden fruit, humanity fell into sin—a condition that separated them from God’s presence and stripped them of the goodness intended for them. From that moment on, humanity surrendered itself to evil and curse, for God, who is holy and pure, does not accept sin. With the fall of Adam and Eve, sin entered their lives and the lives of their descendants up to this very day, like a darkness spreading through history. It was as if the divine protection over them had disappeared and given way to shadow. The Holy Scriptures list the sins of humanity as follows:

“Sexual immorality, impurity, idolatry and sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy, anger, selfish ambition, dissension, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like...” (Galatians 5:19–21)

In that very garden, when God witnessed humanity’s fall and its entrance into sin and curse, He proclaimed a great promise—the “promise of salvation.” In Genesis 3:15, God spoke to Satan, saying that a Savior would come from the “offspring of the woman”:

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

From the very beginning of history, God’s heart beat for the sinful human being. Therefore, He gave the promise of salvation—a promise that declared the victory over evil and the defeat of Satan’s rule. The “head” symbolizes authority, while the “heel” is of lesser value. This means the coming Savior would break the power of darkness.

Adam and Eve, cast out from the presence of God, entered a world where that sweet and holy closeness no longer existed. Yet within the darkness, a radiant promise remained—a promise that would be fulfilled centuries later on the night Jesus Christ was born.

1 — The Birth of Jesus Christ

According to the United Nations' 2024 statistics (WPP), four to five babies are born every second around the world—children born into different families, cultures, and lands, whose futures remain unknown. Yet two thousand years ago, in Bethlehem of Judea, a child was born whose coming changed the course of human history, for His birth was unlike that of any other human. Every child is born through the union of a father and mother, but Jesus Christ was born from a virgin named Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit. His birth was the “incarnation of God”—a truth clearly affirmed in the Gospels (John 1:1; John 1:14; Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 2:1–20, and other parts of Scripture).

Long before His birth, many prophets had foretold His coming. For example, the prophet Isaiah, about 750 years before Christ, declared:

“The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son, and shall call his name Immanuel — God with us.” (Isaiah 7:14)

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulders. He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...” (Isaiah 9:6–7)

The prophet Micah described the Heavenly Ruler this way:

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” (Micah 5:2)

Jeremiah, Zechariah, David, and many others also spoke prophetically of His coming.

The birth of Jesus Christ was not only the fulfillment of these promises but also the moment that divided world history into two eras: “Before Christ” and “After Christ.” Many nations still base their calendars on this defining point.

2 — The Life of Jesus Christ

The life of Jesus Christ, like His birth, was unlike the life of any other human. His life was full of love, teaching, and divine power. The Gospels—especially the first eight chapters of Mark—are filled with signs of His authority and miracles: the healing of a demon-possessed man; the healing of Peter's mother-in-law; the cleansing of a leper; the healing of a paralytic; calming the storm; feeding five thousand men with five loaves and two fish; walking on water; healing the sick in Gennesaret; healing a deaf and mute man; feeding four thousand with seven loaves; predicting His death and resurrection three times; turning water into wine; healing the woman who suffered twelve years from bleeding; raising Jairus's daughter; raising Lazarus from the dead—and many others.

John 21:25 states:

“Jesus also did many other things. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have enough room for the books that would be written.”

3 — The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The death of Jesus, too, was unlike the death of any other person. Death is usually the end of human life, but the death of Christ was the beginning of a victorious resurrection. He died on the cross, but the grave could not hold Him, for Scripture says:

“But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.” (Acts 2:24)

His resurrection was not only the end of death but the beginning of hope and new life for all who believe.

Many people today struggle with deep emotional and spiritual crises—fears, anxieties, identity struggles, and hidden wounds for which even science cannot always offer complete solutions. But faith in Jesus Christ places a person in a new position—within God’s holy order—where one can experience a better, calmer life filled with the love and grace of God. Christ is not merely a heavenly Savior; He is the One who rescues humanity from darkness and leads them into light. No human desires death as their final destiny. Humanity has always longed for continued life—eternity. Christ Himself is the assurance of this: death is not the end but a doorway into His heavenly embrace, where humanity receives eternal life. Scripture says:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Today, countless people around the world believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and their lives are transformed; for Christ is alive and powerful, He forgives sins, renews hearts, and gives people a new birth filled with joy, peace, health, and wholeness. A person needs only to believe in Him sincerely, confess Him as Lord, and entrust their life into His safe hands. Then Christ becomes their guide and companion through every dark and difficult turn in life.

As Scripture says:

“If you confess with your mouth that ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with the heart that one believes and is justified, and with the mouth that one confesses and is saved.”

(Romans 10:9–10)

