

Message from God's Life-Giving Word

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Vintage Christmas

How does what is happening in your life often distract you from the importance of what happened at Christmas?

Notes on the historic setting of Jesus' birth:

Notes on why John was the perfect author for his Gospel:

*In Him was **life**, and that **life** was the **light** of all mankind. The **light** shines in the **darkness**, and the **darkness** has **not overcome** it.* John 1:4-5

- How does Jesus overcome the darkness?

Next Steps

1. Journal the following: Do the historic facts, details and figures help you comprehend and understand the Christmas account? Why or why not? What about Jesus' birth seems the most unbelievable? Believable? Consider what it was like to be: Mary, Joseph, their respective families.
2. Read John 1:1-18. John's account of the birth of Christ is a variety of metaphors and symbols. How does he describe Jesus throughout these verses? How is this helpful, especially considering his Gospel was probably the last one written to the Church?
3. This week, write down the chaos in your life as you approach Christmas. Then pray through those items for God's will to be done in each of those things.
REMEMBER: *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It is also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*