

GOD WITH US
DECEMBER 24, 2016

1 COR. 11:23-26

Christmas Eve is one of my favorite nights of the year. First, because it's wonderful to gather with people of like precious faith, second, it helps us focus on the true meaning of Christmas. No other person has entered our world that defines and divides human history as Jesus. 2017 AD means in the Year of Our Lord.

TIME MAGAZINE QUOTE – DEC. 6, 1999

“It would require much exotic calculation to deny that the single most powerful figure...in all human history has been Jesus Christ.” Tonight, over a billion people will stop at the wonder of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel or God with us.

THE MANY EXISTING VIEWS OF CHRIST

A good man, great teacher, perfect role model, just another founder of religion, a god, he never existed. “It never happened. The only way primitive religion exists today is through the child abuse of forcing it into very young children, but thanks to better education and greater intellects, today's teens are able to discover the truth, throw off the indoctrination and step into the real world.”

THE PROPER VIEW OF JESUS – IS. 9:6

Jesus is the subject of over 300 prophecies. History confirms that even the smallest detail happened just as predicted.

- His birth – **IS. 7:14, MT. 1:21-23**
- His birthplace – **MICAH 5:2, LUKE 2:4-11**
- In one 24 hour period 29 prophecies spoken by various voices over five centuries from 1000 BC – 500 BC were all fulfilled in the life of Jesus. The chances of one man fulfilling 8 is one in 10 to the 17 power, 48 is one in 10 to the 157 power. Imagine what over 300 would be!

Jesus was not just a good man, great teacher, perfect role model, just another founder of religion, or a god. Jesus was and is:

- The Ancient of Days who pre-existed with the Father.
- The one who spoke the world into being.
- Who hung the stars in the sky and called them by name.
- Clothed with honor and majesty, covered with light as a garment.
- Stretched forth the heavens, laid the beams of His chambers in the waters. Who makes the clouds His chariot and walks upon the wings of the wind.
- Set the boundaries of the sea.
- Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
- The baby in the manger is the one Isaiah called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.
- Who appeared to Abraham, Moses, shook Egypt, cloud, fire, manna, water.
- Fourth man in the Fiery furnace.
- Logos who became flesh, who made the invisible God visible.
- Kings brought gold, frankincense, myrrh.
- Herod couldn't kill, Satan couldn't tempt, who ruled over demons, disease, death and nature.
- Worthy Lamb who redeemed us by His Blood.
- Savior, Healer, Baptizer, Deliverer, Friend, soon coming King.