

SERMON: HE LEFT HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Introduction

One of the most frequently asked questions during the yuletide season is, “Are you going home for Christmas?” The Christmas season is perhaps the busiest travel time of the year. People of all ages want to spend Christmas with family and friends and where they spent their childhood years. People, who grew up in the South and migrated to other parts of the nation, like to spend Christmas at the old “home house.” When they come home, they reconnect with old friends, reminisce about old times, and worship in the little country church where they were first introduced to Jesus. Many of them call ahead to make sure their mother or favorite aunt has a sufficient supply of their favorite cakes, pies, cobbler, and other tasty desserts. In their opinion, no one can bake these delicious treats like their senior family members. Young adults return to their homes and show their small children their “old stomping grounds” and introduce them to the individuals who made a positive impact on their lives. Before they arrive, the grand parents have already devised a strategic plan to “spoil them rotten” with candy, cookies, love, and affection.

Men and women in the armed services consider themselves very fortunate if their leave is scheduled around Christmas time. The secular song, *I'll Be **Home for Christmas***, made popular by Bing Crosby and other crooners, expresses the yearning of all of those who want to celebrate Christmas at home with family and friends.

While many people want to go home for Christmas, Jesus left His magnificent home in heaven to give us the first Christmas. Think about it. He left His bright throne in glory and came to this sin-cursed world as a helpless baby born in a barn. His crib was an animal feeding trough. He left heaven where angels were continuously bowing before Him as they cried to Him, “Holy, Holy, Holy!” He left the right hand of the Father to dwell among unrighteous people. Why did he do it? Let’s answer this important question through the prism of Scripture.

Exposition

1. It Was Part Of A Prophetic Strategic Master Plan.

(Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; 1st Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8.)

2. There Was No Human Qualified For The Task.

(John 14:6; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:19; 1st Corinthians 3:11; 1st Peter 1:19.)

3. He Loves Us Beyond Measure.

(John 3:16; 1st John 4:8; 1st John 4:16.)

4. He Left His Home To Take Us To Our Heavenly Home.

(John 14:3.)

Closing Thoughts

I will close this sermon by quoting a familiar saying from an anonymous author:

“If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness,
So, God sent us a Savior, Jesus Christ.
This is why we celebrate Christmas and Easter.”

Jesus left home for Christmas to satisfy our greatest need – the need for Salvation which only comes through divine forgiveness.

Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

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