
Make Christmas Great Again

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- **Luke 1:30-32**

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest;

**The way to make Christmas great again is to
consider, meditate on, and believe
what makes Christ great!**

Today we will just scratch the surface of His greatness in our allotted time, but we can see enough to drop us to our knees in awe and worship!

His Miraculous Incarnation — Almighty God becoming a man in Jesus

- **John 1:1,14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- **Colossians 1:15**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

- **Colossians 2:9**

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

- **John 14:9**

When you've seen Me, you've seen the Father.

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."¹

~ C.S. Lewis

Jesus came as a man —

- **Hebrews 2:14-17**

...to pay man's price for sin, as a man He destroyed death and the devil, as a man released us from fear of death, as a man He shows mercy, sympathy because He suffered and was tempted like us, brings us aid in our temptation.

¹ Lewis, C.S. *Mere Christianity* (Zondervan, Mar 6, 2001) 178

**As God, He shows us Who God is —
as a Man, He delivers mankind from evil!
How unbelievably great is that?**

His Multiple Offices — offices He holds due to works He did...

- **Luke 2:11**
For there is born to you this day in the city of David a **Savior**, who is **Christ** the **Lord**.
- **Redeemer** — **Titus 2:14** *Purchaser out of sin, slavery, power, and penalty*
- **Sacrifice** — **Hebrews 10:12** *His body broken, His blood shed*
- **Substitute** — **2 Corinthians 5:21** *He paid our penalty, died in our place*
- **Surety** — **Hebrews 7:22** *He's our Guarantee of God's merciful new covenant*
- **Prophet** — **Mark 6:15** *He represents God to us*
- **Priest** — **Hebrews 4:15** *He represents us to God*
- **King** — of Jews — **Luke 23:38**; of saints **Revelation 15:3**; of kings **Revelation 19:16**
- **Government is on His shoulders** — **Isaiah 9:6**
- **Friend** — **John 15:13-15** *(says He's our friend three times in three verses)*

“In each office He has gained the summit of glory, and therein He is and shall be great.”²

~ Charles Spurgeon

His Magnificent Achievements — through His death, burial and resurrection...

- He finished salvation from sin — **John 19:30**
- Our sins removed as far as east from west — **Psalms 103:12**
- Our sins never to be remembered for Believers — **Hebrews 8:12**
- Purchased our redemption — **1 Peter 1:18**, freedom from slavery
- Purchased our justification — **Romans 5:1**, declared righteous and blessed
- Purchased our sanctification — **Hebrews 10:10**, holiness, innocence
- Conquered hell and death — **Revelation 1:18**, no fear of death, dying, devil
- Opened heaven to all who believe — **John 3:16**, whosoever believes
- Sits at right hand of God — **Ephesians 1:20**, place of authority, power, blessing

His magnificent achievements make Him great — beyond compare!

² Spurgeon, Charles. *Spurgeon's Sermons on Jesus and the Holy Spirit* (Hendrickson Publishers, 2006) 115

The Adoration of His Creation — represents multiple passages in Revelation

- **Revelation 5:8-14**

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

The passionate, unrestrained, eternal adoration and worship of His creation declares His inestimable greatness throughout the ages!

The Majesty of His Appearing

- **Matthew 24:29-31**

Sun and moon darkened, stars fallen from heaven, powers of heaven shaken, Jesus appears in Heaven, all tribes of earth mourn, Jesus comes in clouds with power and great glory, angels sound the trumpet, gathering of the saints...

- **Revelation 19:11-16**

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

It is then that every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.
The majesty surrounding His return eclipses the majesty of His birth — He was born as the Lamb of God, He returns as Lion of Judah!

The Righteousness of His Judgments

- **Act 17:30-31**

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

- **Revelation 20:11-15**

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

***Friends** — Jesus will judge righteously, based on people's actions — the Believer for rewards, and the Unbeliever for retribution. It's our choice...*

Listen — Jesus being the Righteous Judge of all of God's creation — it bespeaks His greatness!

The Glory of His Dwelling Place

- **Revelation 21:23**

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

- **Revelation 21:3-4**

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

**Jesus is so great and glorious that
He alone lights heaven itself, no need of sun or moon.
He is so great and glorious that nothing fallen, broken, sick, or sinful
is allowed in His dwelling place! Hallelujah forever!**

Summary

Seeing Jesus in His greatness changes everything about how we live. If He is nothing but a happy hippy or a terrific teacher to you, it's very easy to write Him off, live in compromised disobedience, and serve yourself.

If, on the other hand, you understand Him to be GREAT — for the reasons we've mentioned and many more — then you will not dismiss Him, you will pursue worshipful obedience to Him, and you will give your life to serve Him.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the way to make Christmas great again? Will you commit to do it in your life?
2. Why did Jesus need to come to earth and become a man?
3. Which of Jesus' offices is the most meaningful to you today?
4. Have you really considered how ALL of creation worships Jesus — not just mankind? What does that say about Him?
5. Does the knowledge that Jesus will judge righteously give you a feeling of peace and confidence?
6. Take a quiet moment and visualize the city that will not need the sun or moon — because Jesus is its light.

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