

The Good News of Christmas

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

That's John 1:14 in the New Living Translation. Isn't it amazing to think that this verse was fulfilled two thousand years ago on the very first Christmas when Jesus – the Word – became flesh and dwelt among us. He's full of grace and truth.

When Jesus was born God became visible and tangible – he became a man. What an amazing concept! Here's the part that's hard to understand sometimes – Jesus was totally God and totally man – not half and half. Before Jesus came, people could only know God partially – now they could know him completely. One of the biggest mistakes we could make is to think that we can totally grasp this concept. It's supernatural so we have to take it by faith.

Jesus is the perfect expression of God in human form. He is God's only son and is incredibly unique. There has never been or ever will be anyone just like Him in all of history. Jesus is unlike any other religious leader. He's a one of a kind!

Jesus is also the perfect example – a model of what we are supposed to be like. He shows us not only how to live but also gives us the power to live that way. Jesus can help to make sense out of life for us.

When Jesus became human he also became the perfect teacher. Through his life we see how God thinks and consequently learn how we should think.

Ultimately, Jesus became the perfect sacrifice for the sin of the entire human race. His death satisfied God's requirements for the payment of sin.

What an amazing gift God has given us in His son. This is the gift that lasts all year long, never wears out and we never need an updated version. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Talk about "Good News" – this is what Christmas is all about!

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