

Who Is Jesus? - The Glory of God

Exodus 33:18-23 ❖ John 1:14-18

"One of the most important events in history occurred when the Word, the Son, became human without ceasing to be God."
(John Piper)

A Cleft and A Manger

Long, long ago, _____ made a _____ request to see God's _____, which in Hebrew is literally God's "_____."

"Then the LORD said, 'There is a place _____ Me where you may stand on a _____. When My glory _____ by, I will put you in a _____ in the rock and _____ you with My hand until I have _____ by. Then I will remove My hand and you will see My _____, for no one may see Me and live'" (Exodus 33:21-23).

"Rock of _____, cleft for _____,
Let me _____ myself in Thee." (Augustus Toplady, 1776)

In a rocky _____, almost 2000 years ago, God showed His glory to man once again when a Baby was born to a _____.

"Joy to the World! the _____ is come;
Let earth receive her _____." (Isaac Watts, 1719)

Jesus is God

If you want to know what God is like, look at _____ - the way He _____ and spoke and _____.

"The Word became _____ and made His _____ among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the _____ and _____, who came from the _____, full of _____ and _____" (John 1:14).

In Jesus we are able to see God's _____ - even though we are _____. How is that possible? Because in Jesus, neither God's _____ nor His _____ are compromised.

"No one has ever _____ God, but God the _____ and _____, who is at the Father's side, has made Him _____" (John 1:18).

Jesus became _____ so that His _____ would be possible. The _____ was the only One capable of dying in our place.

If Christ Had Not Come

For decades Paul Harvey told the true story of "The Man and the Birds" on his Christmas radio broadcast.

"He was a kind, decent, mostly _____ man, generous to his family and upright in his dealings with other men. But he just didn't believe in all of that _____ stuff that the churches proclaim at Christmas time. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus story, about God coming to earth as a _____. So he told his wife he was sorry but he wasn't going to the _____ church service with her.

"Shortly after his family drove away, heavy _____ began to fall. As he sat by the fire reading, he was startled by a _____ sound, then another and another. A flock of _____ was flying into his large picture window in a desperate attempt to get out of the snow.

"He couldn't just let the poor creatures freeze to _____, so he decided to direct the birds into the _____ ..."

Christmas Blessings

"From the _____ of His grace we have all received one _____ after another" (John 1:16).

During the bitterly cold winter of 1777, the Continental Army almost _____. Lack of _____, uniforms, _____ and ammunition led to lack of _____. Just before _____ General George _____ issued general orders for "a day set apart to express our grateful acknowledgements to _____ for the manifold _____ He has granted us."

Miraculously, the Continental Army survived that bleak winter, and as the tide of the war was turning months later, Washington wrote, "The Hand of _____ has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks _____, and more than wicked, that has not _____ enough to acknowledge his obligations." ("The Patriot Post," Mark Alexander, 12-21-22)

This Christmas may we be truly grateful for "_____ blessing after _____" we have all received because of the birth of Jesus.

