

24 December

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Christmas celebration – It's all about Jesus

 Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member that Christmas is all about Jesus Christ?
2. What will the Messiah (Jesus) do to Satan according to Genesis 3:15? (He "the Messiah" will bruise your "Satan's" head.).
3. How do we know the Messiah will come from Abraham's family (Genesis 12:3; ...and in you "Abraham" all the families of the earth shall be blessed.).
4. How do we know the Messiah would be born of a virgin? (Isaiah 7:14; ...the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel.).

 Let's go deeper

5. What prophecy told us that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem? (See Micah 5:2.).
6. What prophecy told us when to expect the Messiah? (Malachi 3:1).
7. How would the Messiah be betrayed according to Zechariah 11:12? (v.12; ...And they weighed out as my wages 30 pieces of silver.).
8. Which prophecy told us the Messiah would be crucified, buried, and resurrect again? (Isaiah 52:13 – 14 and Isaiah 53:5 – 11.).
9. Where is Jesus now? (On His heavenly throne. Psalm 68:18 / 110:1).

 Let's apply this

10. 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17; All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The Bible is true and Jesus Christ is God. It is all about Jesus, on Christmas we celebrate His birth; on Good Friday we remember His death on the cross, and on resurrection Sunday we celebrate His victory over sin, Satan, sickness and death.

SUMMARY:

Christmas celebration: It's all about Jesus

The English word "Christmas" is a shortened form of "**Christ's Mass**". Christ is from *Khristos*, meaning anointed One; and mass is from Latin *missa*, the celebration of the Eucharist; an old word the church used for **worship services devoted to Jesus**.

EIGHT prophetic promises in the Old Testament that point to the birth of Jesus:

- **4000 B.C.** | Jesus would conquer sin and death | **Genesis 3:15**
Jesus will be born of a woman; He will come down this woman's family line and He shall bruise, destroy and defeat Satan.
- **1400 B.C.** | Jesus' family line comes from Abraham | **Genesis 12:3 & 17:19**
God tells Abraham in Gen.12:3 that through his family all the families of the earth shall be blessed, meaning Abraham and Sarah will have a child. In Gen.17:9; God says they will have a son Isaac and through Isaac a nation is going to be born and through that nation Jesus Christ will be born as the solution for mankind's sin.
- **700 B.C.** | Jesus' mother would be a virgin | **Isaiah 7:14**
Jesus will be born of a virgin (unique and supernatural birth), He will be a male child and His name is to be Emmanuel (God with us). God comes to earth in Jesus Christ.
- **700 B.C.** | Jesus' birth would be in Bethlehem | **Micah 5:2**
Jesus' family was not from Bethlehem. They lived in another small town, and the government decided that everyone needs to go to their hometown and register for tax. Jesus' adoptive father Joseph is from Bethlehem, and they travel to Bethlehem and find themselves in the place at the time for the birth of Jesus to fulfil prophecy.
- **400 B.C.** | Jesus would enter the temple before 70 A.D. | **Malachi 3:1**
Now this the temple was destroyed in 70 AD. This gives us a historical deadline for the coming of Christ. Prophecy tells us **how, where and when** Jesus would come.
- **500 B.C.** | Jesus would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver | **Zechariah 11**
It says that Jesus would be betrayed and that the price on his head would be 30 pieces of silver. Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus and was paid 30 pieces of silver.
- **700 B.C.** | Jesus would be crucified, buried, and resurrected | **Isaiah 52/53**
Jesus is going to be born, suffer, be crucified, buried in a rich man's tomb, and then He will rise forth in triumphant victory conquering Satan, sin, sickness, and death.
- **1000 B.C.** | Jesus would return to heaven and rule over all | **Ps.68:18, 110**
Jesus is alive right now; ruling and reigning from His heavenly throne.