

# Red Christmas Letter



# It's Christmas Day!

Whether you have been counting down the days with a chocolate calendar, watching 25 Christmas movies on TV, or lighting advent candles in your home we have all been anticipating this day. As a church, we have been reflecting on the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love as we celebrate Advent through December. And it all leads to today, Christmas Day.

The word Advent comes from a Latin word meaning arrival or coming. Today we celebrate because of the coming and the arrival of Jesus Christ! This Jesus who, “though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.” Phil 2:6-7

Think about that for a moment... being God and coming to earth and being born in the likeness of men. That's a pretty big step! But it begs the question, why did Jesus come? Why did he choose to be born in the likeness of men? As we have been looking at the very words of Jesus in our series **Red Letter Christmas** this season, let's look again at what Jesus himself said as to why he came to earth. This ought to open our eyes even more to see the significance of what we are celebrating today.

## **Jesus came to serve**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mark 10:45

## **Jesus came to bring light**

“I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.” - John 12:46

## **Jesus came to bring truth**

For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” - John 18:37

## **Jesus came to seek and save the lost**

Jesus said, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” - Luke 19:10

## **Jesus came to give life**

Jesus said, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” - John 10:10



Jesus stepped out of heaven and was born in the likeness of men for a purpose. His coming is why we have Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. He made a way for us to be forgiven of our sins by going to the cross and He also modeled for us how we ought to live.

## Read

Read the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-40. As you read, reflect on the reasons why Jesus came to this earth. That He came to serve, bring light and truth, seek and save the lost, and to give life.

## Pray

Once you finish reading take a moment with your family or whoever you are with and pray together and thank Jesus for coming. Take turns thanking God for the gift of His son.

## Act

Brainstorm how you can live out what Jesus modeled for us.

- How can you serve in this season and beyond as an individual or as a group, or as a family?
- Think about and discuss what it means that Jesus brought Light to the world. How can you bring light to your community, school, work, and neighborhood?
- What truth did Jesus bring? What opportunities and open doors are available for truth to be shared?
- How can you seek and save the lost? Is there a person you have had on your heart to care, pray, or share with in order to point them to the only one who gives life? Is there anyone that you know who will be alone this Christmas? Prayerfully consider inviting them to dinner, dropping off a meal, or inviting them to church.



It's Christmas Day and there is much to celebrate! Jesus came for you and He came for those around you. He is the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to Father except through Him!

*Merry Christmas!*



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