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John 18:33-35

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" 34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" 35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

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36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

John 18:37-38

37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" retorted Pilate.

What does Jesus want us to remember about the first Christmas?

That He was Born as the Promised Pre-existent King

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Micah 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

John 8:56-59

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." 57 "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" 58 "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

John 1:1-2,14

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him. And without him was not anything made that was made. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

2 Sam 7:12-14

¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son.

Isaiah 9:2,6

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned...6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

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That Jesus' kingdom on earth is not a place but people obeying Jesus as the truth.

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Luke 2:13

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, **Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those whom his favor rest.”**

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The kingdom of God, is advancing on earth wherever the people of God are coming into obedience to God- by obeying Jesus' commands, his ways over and against the ways of the world.

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Ephesians 2:1-2

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”

Matthew 16:22-23

“Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

John 8:31-32

“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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John Allen Chau, 26, of Washington State loved climbing mountains, camping, hiking, canoeing and seeing the world.

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The North Sentinel Island in India's southeastern Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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January, 1958, five missionaries died in an attempt to share the gospel with the Waodani tribe in Ecuador.



**Roger
Youderian**

**Pete
Fleming**

**Jim
Elliot**

**Nate
Saint**

**Ed
McCully**

Now, 50 years later, their sacrifice has resulted in reconciliation and transformation in the tribe. This story has inspired thousands to serve Christ...

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