

God's Intent at Christmas Time!

Luke 2: 7-14

Matthew 1: 23 – EMMANUEL

I. The Greatest Introduction of Christmas

Luke 1: 67-79 John's job was to declare the opportunities of Christmas!

Vs 77 to introduce the **one who will bring knowledge** of Salvation unto his people by Remission of Sins

Vs 78 He will **declare the Visit** from the dayspring from on High

Vs 79 He will **bring light to them in darkness and in the Shadow of Death**

Vs 79 to **guide our way into the way of Peace**

John went before Him/ we go after Him

II. The Greatest Gift of ACTS

Emmanuel – but it is an offer, so we must say that it was

III. The Greatest Offer of a Gift!

400 years of silence the silence was broken with an offer!

God is coming for a visit! God came down to visit but for some, He would stay!

IV. The Greatest Gift of Christmas is the Reunifying of God and Man! The potential reunifying?

It is true that Jesus, God came down but whether not he became a visitor or a resident is up to you.

Ch. 2: 10 unto all people!

Ch. 1: 79 to guide us to the way of peace

Ch. 2: 14 Good will **toward** men

John 14: 15 the comforter will come to you? What prerequisite is set forth for the comforter to come to you? If you love me and keep my commands!

John 14: 16 that he may abide with you forever?

John 14: 18 I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you...

John 14: 21 **I will manifest myself** to you! What prerequisite does he set forth for this to happen? Those who keep my commandments!

John 14: 23 I will make my abode — 3438 — remain/dwelling

Yes, the great Gift of Christmas is that God wants to reunify God and man! Therefore, God came down to make it possible for you and me to be unified, reunited with God!

Rev.21: 3 “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle(dwelling place) of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”

I just want you to understand that at Christmas God set in motion an invitation to dwell with us now in spirit. Because of Christmas and Easter, God has made it possible for Him to live/dwell with us all the time, but whether he is a visitor to you or a resident is totally up to you!