

# REMEMBERING JESUS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-21

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Introduction:

1. Many are looking forward to Christmas morning a couple of days from now.
2. This is the time of the year many remember the birth of Jesus.
3. What do we remember about Jesus?

## **I. THE LIFE OF JESUS**

### **A. HIS BIRTH IS NOT WHAT WE CELEBRATE**

1. There is no command or example of celebrating His birth.
  - a. We are not to think beyond what is written -1Co 4:6
  - b. We are not to add to or take away from His word -Re 22:18, 19
2. The date of His birth is unknown
  - a. Most bible scholars believe His birth was in the spring or summer time.
  - b. The actual date is not essential to our salvation.

### **B. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS BIRTH**

1. He was born of a virgin.
  - a. This was according to prophecy -Is 7:14.
  - b. This was fulfilled -Mt 1:22-25
2. The purpose of His birth is defined -Mt 1:21

## **II. THE DEITY OF JESUS**

### **A. HE WAS EQUAL WITH GOD**

1. He was with God in the very beginning -Jn 1:1-3
2. All things were created through Jesus -Co 1:15-17

### **B. HE LEFT ALL FOR US**

1. His equality was nothing to hold on to -Ph 2:5-8
2. He became poor for our sakes -2Co 8:9

## **III. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS**

### **A. THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL**

1. The gospel defined by Paul -1Co 15:1-4
2. Through the gospel we have been redeemed from sin -Ep 1:7
3. We are saved through the gospel -Ro 6:1-4

### **B. WE REMEMBER THE GOSPEL EVERY WEEK**

1. Upon the first day of the week
  - a. This was the day Jesus arose from the dead -Mk 16:9
  - b. This was the day the disciples met to break bread -Ac 20:7

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2. We come together to worship and remember the life and death of Jesus.

Conclusion:

1. There is nothing unscriptural about Christmas trees, lights, or presents.
2. Let us remember the life He lived and the love He sacrificed for us that we might live through Him.