

# Christmas Eve

John 1:14 | Ryan Pfeiffer | December 24, 2025

INTRO. Jesus' birth bursts on the scene with an almost riotous JOY!  
Angels/ Heaven can't contain the joy! Heaven is bursting at the seams!

Luke 2:10 the Angel says "Do not be afraid. I bring good news that will cause great joy for ALL people."

What is this good news and joy the angels are talking about?

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**FOCUS. John invites us into the wonder of Jesus' birth in 3 ways.**

**FIRST WONDER.** And the Word was made flesh...

The angels tell the shepherds that a Savior is born... the Messiah  
There's a cryptic prophecy about the Messiah in Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

John tells us an amazing secret... John 1:1 The Word was with God and the Word was God... 3 through him all things were made...

WORD (logos): in ancient Greek philosophy, the rational, unifying principle undergirding the structure and order of the cosmos.

John applies this to Jesus... was more than a good teacher... "was God"...  
The Creator of the Universe... all the galaxies

- Observable universe... radius of 46.5B-LR = 2 Trillion galaxies... infinite
- Perspective- Our galaxy alone contains over 400B stars!

We're framing the miracle of the incarnation... creator of universe in a baby!

This is the doctrine of the Incarnation: the eternal Son of God took on a true human nature and became fully human in the person of Jesus Christ, while remaining fully divine.

Theologians call this the hypostatic union: the person level union of two natures. Truly God and truly human.

Col 1:19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in the Son.

**SECOND WONDER.** ... and dwelt among us...

The second wonder is that God wants to be close to you.

"Dwelling" means to pitch his tent... MSG "moved into the neighborhood"  
God's desire to dwell with us- from the beginning to the end of the Bible.

1. Genesis we see God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...
2. Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them."

Jesus came to bring us back into the nearness of God.

James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you.

**THIRD WONDER.** ...and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Glory means radiance, beauty, majesty—>the splendor of God's goodness.

Jesus shines w/ the glory of God's beauty in 2 ways: God's truth/ God's grace.

God's Truth. Heb 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being.

The good news is that we don't have to be in the dark anymore about God.

Do you want to know what God is like? Look at Jesus. Study Him. Follow Him! Check out Alpha.

Jesus shines w/ the glory of God's grace... his unearned/ forever love.

Jesus became flesh to show us God love in person... up close and personal.

Only as fully God and fully human could Jesus die on the cross for our sin.

And bring us back into the nearness of God. (Eternal Life).

John 14:23 If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.