

Who me?

In a day when we're always ready to question motives and be suspicious of intentions, God leaves us in no doubt as to why His Son came into our world that first Christmas...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

But the consequences of ignoring or rejecting His sacrificial love will be unthinkable...

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

So perhaps this Christmas we need to re-visit our own assumptions and prejudices.

And in reaching out to Him, we'll discover that He's still reaching out to us.

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CHRISTMAS

Christmas..

May you come to know the reality of God's love for you this Christmas...

*'Is there a hidden agenda?'
'Are there sinister motives?' 'What's the real reason?'*

We're used to asking such questions within the realm of politics or international affairs... but of Christmas?

Though it may seem that it could have been invented by the toy industry, the origins of Christmas are in historical fact... and the greatest act of love the world has ever known...

His love for you and for me is the reason why!

..THE REASON WHY

..the reason why

...because it's the reason why.

How come?

From a human point of view it was surely the most unusual, unplanned pregnancy of them all! Yet God had promised He'd do it this way hundreds of years earlier...

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son...

Isaiah 7:14a

He even went on to say what His name was to be and why He would come...

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

However, all this can be so readily misunderstood by us today...

What for?

It's so easy to see Him simply as a figure from yesteryear known for His teaching, leadership and moral example. But how wrong could we be...

...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

1 Timothy 1:15

Of course, I may say I'm not the religious sort, or that He has no relevance for me. Yet once again we'd be so mistaken...

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

We need Him much more than we realise...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Why then?

Many of us sincerely believe that doing our best to live a decent life will be enough to 'put us right' with the Almighty. But if this were the case, Christmas and Easter would never have been necessary. The Lord Jesus was born to die on the Cross of Calvary, taking the punishment our self-centred living deserves...

You see, at just the right time... Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6

Only He was 'good enough to pay the price of sin', yet the benefits of this are not forced upon us. We must want to 'get right' with God through seeking His forgiveness, turning away from all we know to be wrong and asking the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord...

...if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Which price?

Everyone knows that Christmas is a costly time of year. Yet it's amazing to think that the 'price' of making it possible for us to enter a right relationship with God in this way has already been paid for us by Him.

Nevertheless, the Lord Jesus asks each of us to face up to the cost of becoming one of His true followers...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

