

When the World Remembers

I love the beginning of the Matthew and Luke. The fulfillment of thousands of years of prophecy comes to fruition, virgin birth, angels ringing in the deity that became humanity. And the historic announcement,

**“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace
among men in whom he is well pleased.”**

(Luke 2:14, NASB)

Interestingly enough, as vitally and eternally important as the birth of Christ is, we don't really know the date He was born. Various times have been suggested, usually with some interesting support, but we just really don't know, nor do we need to know. The fact of the event is infinitely more important than the date.

He came, He taught, He lived, He loved, He died, and He rose from the dead – literally, bodily, came back to life, to both prove He is God in the flesh and to show us what will happen to those who make Him Lord of their lives.

I'm not a “humbug” this time of the year; in actuality I celebrate Jesus all times of every year. When our joy in Jesus overwhelms the jeers of the world, we know that Jesus is in control our hearts, no matter when His birthday happened.

But I'm also convinced that this is often the time of year when our friends and family think more about Jesus. In I Corinthians 9:22, Paul taught us the goal, “that I may by all means save some.”

While our world thinks about Jesus this time of year, perhaps we can use the opportunity to teach them the **amazing grace** which our Savior died to bring our hearts so He can take our souls to be with Him for all eternity. “Joy to the World” indeed, now and in every time of the year. When the world remembers, let's help share with them how to follow in His steps.

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