



Christmas Eve 2023

Matthew 2:1-2 NIV

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:11 NIV

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

What does it truly mean to be home for Christmas?

1. Jesus left his home in heaven to give you a home in heaven.

God sent Jesus from heaven to us so that we could be forgiven and saved. Because of Jesus our relationship with God was restored on earth and he gives us an eternal life with him in heaven one day. That’s how much he cared for you that he would leave his home in heaven so that one day you could have a home in heaven as well.

John 14:1-7

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”



2. Jesus left his home in heaven to make his home in your heart.

He came to reside in our lives, to make a home in our hearts and to ultimately give us a life that we never knew was possible. When you become a Christian that literally becomes true. Jesus does not merely want to be a guest in your home. He wants to now be the owner of your home. When you invite him in, he lives in your life.

Ephesians 3:16-19 NIV

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

3. When Jesus is at home in your heart you will be at home in the church.

The church is the house of the Lord. It is home for the follower of Jesus Christ, and in it you're surrounded by the family of God.

John 3:13-18 NLT

..the Son of Man has come down from heaven...so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him.

For this is how God loved _____ he gave his one and only Son, so that when _____ believes in him, they will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge _____, but to save _____ through him.

Why did Jesus come from Heaven to earth?

So you could have a relationship with him, and he could take residence in your heart.

Where are you on your spiritual journey?

- A. Yes I already have a home in Jesus.
- B. I came home to Jesus during the service.
- C. I am still thinking about what was said about Jesus.
- D. I do not plan on coming to Jesus with my life.