



# Faith Talk

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## The Meaning of Christmas

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I'm sure that, when reading the title of this article, many will say "Ah, but I know the real meaning of Christmas!" Indeed, the story of the Virgin Mary giving birth in the stable to Jesus Christ is not an obscure one. Even the overwhelming presence of jolly old Santa Claus and the crowds rushing to fulfill wish lists have not totally chased the true meaning of Christmas out of our modern society. The story of the baby, the angels, the shepherds, and even the wise men is told and retold in concerts, pageants, and carols. But how many people stop and think about the meaning that Christmas has in daily life?

First, there is the meaning of the baby Jesus being born in the stable, the shepherds coming to praise him and the wise men worshiping him.

I'm sure many readers are familiar with these details of the Christmas story. But this is only the beginning of understanding Christmas!

What can we learn from the birth of Jesus in a stable? Have you ever considered what it meant for the Son of God to be born with the animals in a stable? Or to be born as a man at all? God lives in Heaven, in perfection. We are sinful people and we live in a world filled with pain and misery. And God sent His Son into that world! God loved His errant, sinning people so much that He sent His Son to be born into this world, to live and teach us, and to die on the cross, so that whoever believes in Him can be saved and have eternal life. (John 3:16) So when we busy ourselves this season, let's remember that God's love is the real meaning of Christmas. Have a blessed Christmas!

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