

Why

Christmas?

Part 1 INCARNATION





Stop Premature
Christmas
Decorating!

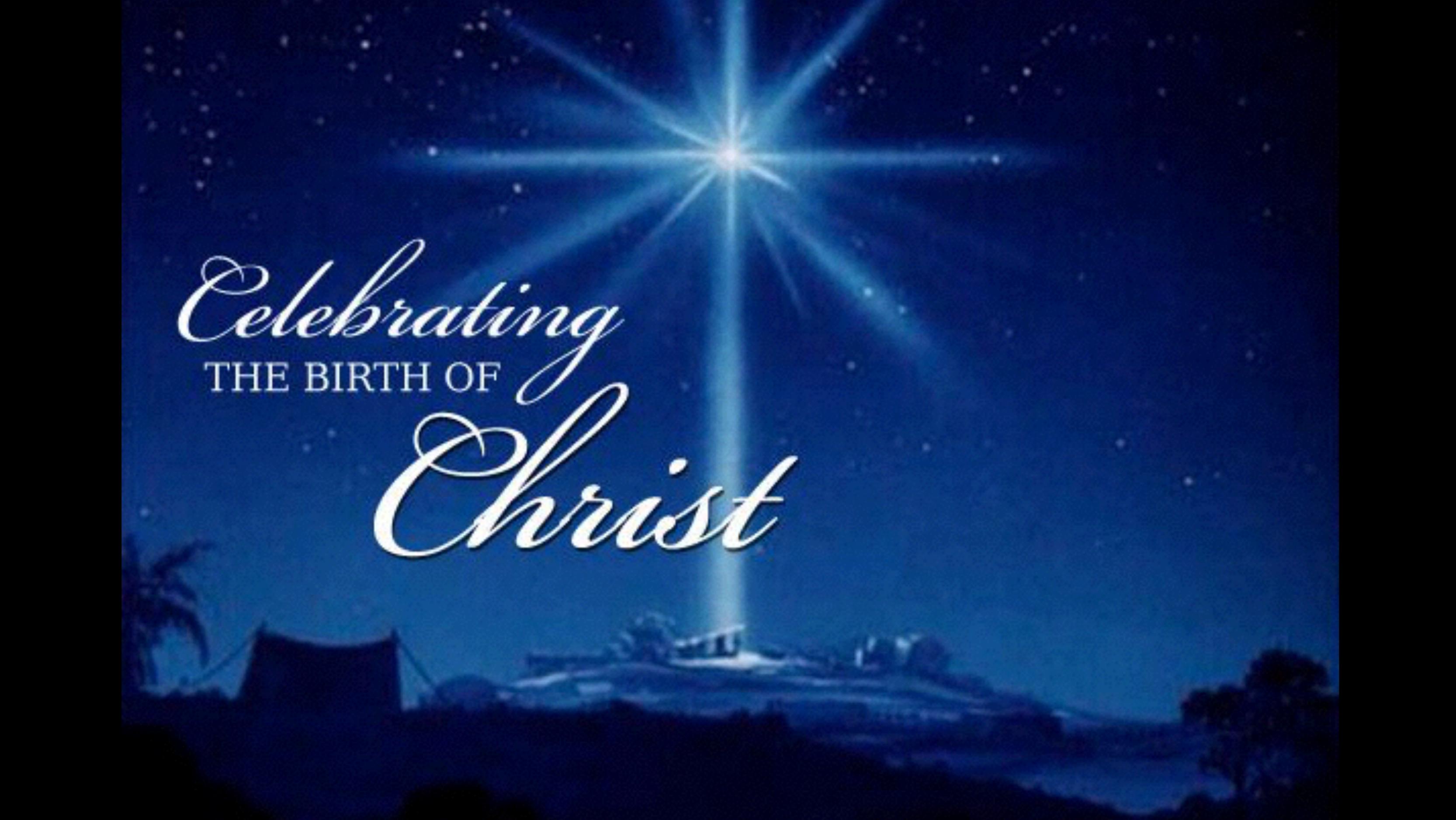


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The image features a monochromatic blue color scheme. At the top center, a brilliant starburst with multiple rays emanates from a central point, set against a dark blue sky filled with smaller, distant stars. Below the starburst, a vertical beam of light descends towards a silhouette of a manger scene on a hillside. The manger scene includes a stable structure, a manger, and several figures. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of a tent on the left and trees on the right are visible against the horizon.

Celebrating
THE BIRTH OF
Christ

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**We need to understand WHO this
Christ child is so that we can fully
appreciate WHY he was born.**

What child is This?"

***Good Christians, fear, for sinners here; The
silent Word is pleading. Nails, spears shall
pierce him through, the cross he bore for me,
for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the
Babe, the Son of Mary.***



¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

Colossians 1:15–20

***Jesus who expresses the invisible
God was Himself the Creator of all
things, and has priority over all.***

Hebrews 1:1–13

Jesus is the “exact representation” of God’s being, and sustains all things by His own powerful word. He is, as God, above all created beings, including the angels who are so superior to mortal man.

Philippians 2:5–11

Jesus, though “in very nature God” voluntarily surrendered the prerogatives of Deity to become a true human being. Now that He has been resurrected He has been exalted again, and in the future every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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WORD = LOGOS

Greek philosopher = *an impersonal force*

Jewish theologian = *a personal source*

***3 All things came into being through Him,
and apart from Him nothing came into
being that has come into being.***

4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6 *There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.*

8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. 9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

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***What will we do with the
Christ of Christmas?***

10 *He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God,*

*even to those who believe in His name,
13 who were born, not of blood nor of the
will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but
of God.*

You can **REJECT** the Word of God and the life and light that Jesus offers you in love.

You can **RECEIVE** the Word of God and be born from above.

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**Christ was born to embody
the message of God's love.**