Gory in the Highest

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Are you prepared for God to surprise you?

John's CHRISTMAS JESUS

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made;
without him nothing was made that has been made.

⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

9 The true light that
gives light to every man was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.

11 He came to that which was his own,
but his own did not receive him.

12 Yet to all who received him,
to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God—

13 children born not of natural descent,
nor of human decision or
a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. John 1:1-5, 9-14, 18



John's SURPRISE JESUS

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering
and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus,
was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God
and the testimony of Jesus.

10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit,

"Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches:

to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum,

Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me.

And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

¹³ and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man,"

dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and

with a golden sash around his chest.

14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.

15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said:

"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.

18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!

And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Revelation 1:9-18

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