

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | 2017

Who we've come to worship today

- Micah 5:2
- John 1:1-5
- Colossians 1:15-19
- Philippians 2:3-11

A Proper Response. Keep First Things First – For Christians, today is about Jesus. Nothing more, nothing less.

When it was announced the long awaited promised messiah was finally to be born, beckoning in the hope of generations of lasting peace and restoration to God, there were three responses. Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

- Indifference – seen in the chief priests and scribes
- Hostility – Herod and all Jerusalem
- Worship – Magi – v10-11, “They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy, and they fell down and worshiped him.”

There's a lot of disagreement in the world concerning the meaning and history of Christmas. Fortunately, scripture gives us some guidance in regards to this:

- Colossians 2:16–17
- John Piper, Good News of Great Joy, “The meaning of Christmas is that the substance belongs to Christ. That is, religious ritual is like a shadow of a great and glorious Person. Let us turn from the shadow and look the Person in the face (2 Corinthians 4:6).”

The Meaning of Christmas: He was born to die

- 1 John 3:8
- Hebrews 2:14–15
- Colossians 1:13-14