

Christmas is Unbelievable

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. NKJV

The writer of Hebrews says Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

Christianity is a faith in the supernatural. A Supernatural God, with supernatural powers and attributes. From a natural viewpoint the Christian faith seems to be not only unlikely but impossible, and therefore unbelievable.

If you have a Christianity that is very believable than you do not have the Christianity of the Bible. Many people have a religion that can do without a supernatural God very well. They do not need the supernatural, the miracle to explain their God. Their faith is more about how to live than how to die. But once I heard someone say, "Almost any faith will do to live by, but we will need one to die by."

And Christmas falls in with the rest of Christianity as being totally unbelievable.

But God's Spirit does not speak the the heart by natural means but by supernatural means. He makes the things of Christmas and Christianity not mere speculation but He makes us sure of the things that He leads us to believe.

I. A supernatural birth.

A. Foretold.

1. Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV) 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
2. Jer 31:22 How long will you gad about, O you backsliding daughter? For the LORD has created a new thing in the earth — A woman shall encompass a man."
3. Matthew 1:22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

B. Many have stumbled at the virgin birth of Jesus.

1. They cannot believe that this could be true.
2. But think, man has cloned many different animals, don't you think that God can go far beyond such things.
3. The virgin birth was necessary so that Jesus would not simply be another

man.

4. For although He was man, He was much more.

II. A supernatural baby.

A. John says that the Word, the Word of God, became flesh.

1. Jesus is the communication of God to us.
2. No one has seen the Father at any time, the Only Begotten of the Father is God's revelation of God to us.
3. He is and always has been the revelation of God to Mankind.
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B. That was the only way God could save us was by making His Son the Perfect Man.

1. One sinner could not die for another sinner.
2. Only an innocent sacrifice was acceptable to God.
3. That is why John the Baptist announced Jesus as the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.
4. So Jesus became man so that He could live the perfect life we could not live and then die the sinners death that we all should die.

C. Jesus laid aside His glory for a time so that He might take on Him human flesh in order to become the perfect sacrifice.

1. Phil 2:5-9 Christ Jesus,⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. NKJV
2. Don't you see that Christmas is about miracles.
3. God set aside the order of the day, He suspended world history and cut in.
4. The world was going along in its old sinful way, but God said, "STOP, I am going to do something different." "I am going to intervene." And He did.

D. This past week saw one of the greatest tragedies of recent years.

1. And many will want to know why God didn't do something, But He did.

2. God doesn't work on our schedule but He is working and He will finish His work one day.
3. And the lion will lay down with the lamb.
4. Isaiah 11:1-9 (NKJV) 1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

III. A supernatural announcement.

A. To the wise men

1. We do not know what they saw, but they did see something.
2. We can assume it was something supernatural, just for the Birth of Jesus.
3. It was probably something that had never happened before or since.

B. To the shepherds

1. Never in all of history before or since was there such an occurrence.
2. God can make His message undeniable when He wants to.
3. But most of the time He gives us enough evidence to believe.
4. But He also holds back enough so that those who want to harden their hearts against Him will find justification in that.

The question we want to leave you with this morning, is has your life been touched by God's supernatural revelation of His Son.