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The Word Became Flesh

The Christmas season is the perfect time to consider the miraculous virgin birth of Jesus. However, the truth about His birth sometimes gets lost in our Christmas traditions. In Mark 7:13, Jesus warns against:

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

I believe many of the Christmas traditions we have today distract us from understanding some of the greatest truths in the Bible.

These traditions have overwhelmed the real message of Jesus coming to this earth. But I tell you, Jesus becoming a

man is the greatest miracle of all.

When considering this miracle, there are two questions I've always wondered about: one, why did Jesus have to come to earth; and two, if it was necessary for Him to come, why did God wait four thousand years to get Him here?

To answer the first question, it was a man—a physical human being—who had been given authority on the earth by God. Therefore, it was necessary for a man with a physical body to take back that authority.

God had given absolute dominion to Adam and Eve. **He took His power - his right to rule and control the earth - and gave it to physical human beings.**

In a sense, He excluded Himself from ruling over the earth. I know that's a new wrinkle in some of your brains, but it's true, and it answers many questions concerning the sovereignty of God.

The integrity of God causes Him to never violate His Word. So when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, He could not violate his Word to save man from the terrible problems that would come from their

decisions. Yet God knew it was going to happen and already had a plan in place to reconcile man back unto Himself.

When God created the first man, He said, "Let us make man in our image" (Gen. 1:26). He literally spoke Adam's body into existence. At that time, He had the legal right to do that because He had not yet given authority over this earth to man.

However, once He had given that authority to man, He could not leave him out of the equation. **The last Adam, Jesus, would still have to be spoken into existence by God, but He would have to speak through man.** God was no longer in direct control, and a man would have to become the voice of His words. Psalm 115:16 explains:

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

That is a strong statement. In other words, everything outside of the earth belongs to God, but He gave the earth to the children of man. **God literally placed restrictions on Himself through**

His own words. God had to create the new Adam through words spoken by someone with a physical body.

But what about the second question: why did God wait four thousand years to send Jesus? To answer this question, we need to consider Galatians 4:4, which says, *"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son."* **This means that God had to choose the appropriate moment. Jesus could not come onto the scene until everything that had to be said was said.**

For example, it had to be prophesied that Jesus would be born of a virgin. That was critical because Jesus would not be just a good man—Jesus was God manifest in the flesh. Through Mary, Jesus received a physical body, but it was the blood of God the Father flowing through Him. He was a God-man.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

- Luke 1:34-35

When Mary asked, "How's this going to happen," she wasn't questioning the possibility, just the *how*. The angel said the word of God is the incorruptible seed: **"All of the words spoken over four thousand years, through hundreds of people, are going to conceive in you."** First Peter 1:23 says, *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."*

The Greek word for "seed" in this scripture is *spora*. It comes from the same root word as *sperma*, which is talking about the seed of a man. The virgin birth of Jesus was completely natural in every respect except one: it was not the seed of a man. The seed was the Word of God. **The Word became flesh!** All that had been prophesied about Jesus became the *spora*, or the seed.

God's Word is living and alive. His Word is health unto all your flesh and life to them that find it (Prov. 4:22). He sent His Word to heal you and deliver you from destruction. **And for those who will place His words in their hearts and allow those seeds to conceive, they will in time see the manifestation of what they believe and speak.**

So this Christmas, I hope you'll take time to step back from some of the traditions that don't really have anything to do with the miracle of Jesus' birth and take time to ponder the power of God's Word becoming flesh. Miracles are waiting for you when you begin to understand the miracle of Jesus' birth.

I tell you, understanding the power of the Word becoming flesh is critical in your Christian walk. I encourage you to get my full teaching on this topic, *The Word Became Flesh*. To place an order, go to our website, awme.net/word, call our UK Helpline at **+44(0)1922 473300**, or complete and return the enclosed form.

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Lessons from the Christmas Story

(for Every Season)

Christmas is an awesome time of the year.

I didn't always think that way. Even before I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, I got discontented with all the commercialism associated with Christmas. I remember as a fourteen or fifteen year old teenager, I convinced my family to take all the money we would have spent on gifts for each other and to give that money to the missions program at church. That allowed our Christmas celebration to centre on what was really important.

Then, when I had my miraculous encounter with the Lord on March 23, 1968, I fell in love with Him a thousand times more than I had ever experienced His love at Christmas. It was like every day was Christmas, many times over. Therefore, Christmas became just another day to me.

As I began to seek the Lord, I became aware of all the pagan practices incorporated into the Christmas season, and I became disillusioned with the whole thing. For the

first sixteen years of my married life, we didn't have a Christmas tree or decorate for Christmas. We would have a birthday cake for Jesus and give gifts to our boys, but we made it clear that they came from the Lord, through us, and not from some fat man in a red suit.

Finally, when we moved into our present house many years ago, my boys asked if we could have a Christmas tree. They said they knew the pagan origins of the custom, but they just thought it was pretty, and they wanted to look at it the way Martin Luther did - as a symbol of everlasting life. I gave in and we've enjoyed a Christmas tree ever since.

But as I've grown older, I've come to appreciate the positive side of Christmas much more. In a culture that has become increasingly secular, where it is politically incorrect to even mention the name of the Lord lest we offend someone, I think it's awesome that Christmas brings some of the greatest truths of the Gospel to light in public. Our roots as a Christian nation are showcased.

When else can you enter into stores and hear some of the greatest Christian songs ever written being played, like "Joy to the World"? That's awesome! You will see displays of the nativity scene in places that the only mention of the Lord at other seasons would be to take His name in vain. People talk about loving one another as God loved us by sending His Son to the earth. We are reminded of values that are forgotten or at least diminished at other

times of the year. And if it weren't for the Christmas holidays, family relationships would be worse than they are. This is the only time many families make an attempt to get along.

In the fight against the de-Christianising of our nation, I think the Christmas celebration is a great victory. I take pleasure in seeing the wonderful truths of God's love for man displayed in public and having concerts in such places as the White House where Christ is being proclaimed in song.

It's a shame that some people only go to church at Christmas, but praise God, at least they go then. That's an opportunity. And Christmas opens up many opportunities to share our faith.

One complaint that I still have is that "the Christmas story" has become so familiar and has focused so narrowly on only the birth of the baby Jesus that some of the great truths present in that miraculous birth are not seen. Some of the greatest lessons in Scripture are hidden in the account of Christ's birth, and the average person is totally oblivious to them.

For that reason, I made a four-part album entitled, *Lessons from the Christmas Story for Every Season*. In this album, I share what I consider to be some of the most important things the Lord has ever shown me.

Did you realise that the virgin birth of Jesus was totally normal in every respect except one? Mary didn't become pregnant without contact with a seed. The laws of

reproduction that God created weren't suspended. Everything was exactly like all the millions of other births except that God used the seed of His Word instead of the seed of a man to get Mary pregnant. That's why John 1:14 says,

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

Jesus was literally God's Word becoming flesh. God used His Word as the sperm that conceived Jesus. This answers a lot of questions. Questions like: Why did the Lord wait four thousand years after the fall of man before He sent Jesus to the earth? Why did God have to become a man? The answers to these questions lie in the way God made creation, the authority He gave man, and the integrity of His Word.

When God created the heavens and the earth, He spoke them into existence. Hebrews 11:3 says,

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

So, God created everything by His Word. That's how He creates. When it came time to create the last Adam (1 Cor. 15:45), God had to speak Him into existence. However, He had given dominion over the earth to physical human beings. Since God is a Spirit (John 4:24), He couldn't just speak Christ into existence independent of man. He had turned the control or dominion of the earth over to man (Gen. 1:26-28). That's why God had to become a man. But, how could He work through sinful, corrupt man to create a Redeemer?

He spoke to the hearts of men who would listen to Him, and they, in turn, would use their God-given authority over the earth to speak out the prophecies that God had placed in their hearts. The problem was that men had become separated from God through their sin. No one man was in tune closely enough to God to speak everything that needed to be spoken. So, it took about four thousand years to complete the prophecies that had to be spoken to create the body for God to become flesh.

Then when Mary received the message of Gabriel, she humbled herself and said,

"Be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38)

She received God's Word into her womb, and the conception of the Messiah took place.

Likewise, that's how 1 Peter 1:23 says we are born again, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

God's Word is a spiritual seed that has to be planted in our hearts to conceive a miracle. The new birth doesn't just happen any more than babies just happen. Children have to be conceived, and so does salvation or any other miracle from God. We have to be born again by the incorruptible seed of God's Word (1 Pet. 1:23).

Once a seed is planted, there is a nurturing and maturing process. That's where prayer comes in. Prayer is like water and fertiliser or incubation to a seed. But if you water or fertilise barren ground, nothing will happen. There has to be the planting of a seed first.

Likewise, we have mistakenly tried to only pray our miracles into existence. Prayer is important, but you can't conceive through prayer. The seed of God's Word has to be sown. As Romans 10:14-17 says,

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel.

For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

We would consider a woman crazy who is trying to have a child without following the natural laws of reproduction. But in the spiritual realm, Christians try to give birth to miracles all the time without ever planting God's Word in their hearts. It just doesn't work that way.

And then there's the message of the angels that said,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14) This was not an announcement of an end of hostilities among men. History has proven that can't be what the angels were proclaiming. Instead, this was the proclamation that the war between God and man was over. That's not been understood or proclaimed by the church as a whole. Most people still think God is mad at them. That's not so. He's not mad, and He's not even in a bad mood. Jesus satisfied His wrath completely. He is just, and there will be punishment for those who refuse the sacrifice of His Son for our sins. But God is not angry because of our sins. That's been taken care of.

This Gospel of peace is one reason there is such a universal acceptance of the Christmas season, even among those who are not born again. Christmas is all about God's love and mercy, not His damnation. It's spotlighting God's unconditional love for us the way it should be done all year long. It's focusing on the good news of God's love and not the bad news of our failures. That's the Gospel of peace that the angels were singing about, and that should be our message too.

Then there's the story of the wise men. Did you know that the Scriptures never say there were three wise men, and there is no indication that they were kings? They also didn't visit Christ in the manger in Bethlehem, but in his house in Nazareth. And one of the best parts of the Christmas story is the way Mary let the Lord convince Joseph of the true nature of these events.

There are just a lot of things in the Christmas message that have been obscured by tradition. This four-part album will be a blessing to you or anyone you choose to share it with. Purchase *Lessons from the Christmas Story* as a CD or DVD album when you visit awme.net/shop.





Just Stand: One Family's Supernatural Journey of Faith

By Sue Nutman



About Sue Nutman

After a radical life change at age forty, Sue, her husband, Bryan, and their two children moved to the United States from England. On a "word" from God, they left everything and went on a supernatural journey. Sue and Bryan graduated from the Charis Third-Year Ministry School in 2014 and founded Roots and Wings Ministries International in 2016. A Charis instructor, Sue is also the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of A.R.M.I. & Post Education Development.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

- Ephesians 6:10

As the four of us sat in the American embassy, I had an uneasy feeling. I kept thinking, *God, you have this*, but I had this fear that wouldn't go away.

The official interviewing us looked at our paperwork and asked, "Why are you going to America?" Bryan, my husband, responded, "We feel called by God to study there."

"Really?" was her stern reply. "Where will you live? Where will your children go to school? How will you support yourselves?"

As international students in America, we would not be allowed to work and would have to fund ourselves. Bryan explained we were selling our house and would go and find schools for our children and a home. It was to no avail.

"I'm going to deny your application," she announced, "You may leave the embassy now!"

Have you ever felt as if your world came crashing down? That was us. We stood there in a stupor. We had put our house on the market and told our family and friends we were moving to America, only to be told "no."

Bryan eventually said, "I feel you and I should go to Colorado and see the college. Let's look for schools and a house. That way, if we get asked those questions again, we can answer them."

So, we booked a week's trip to Colorado.

After visiting Charis Bible College and arranging our new life in America, we returned to England. I asked Bryan, "Are we crazy? We've just signed away a few thousand dollars on a house and school and don't even know if we will get through the visa interview again!"

He said, "God doesn't promise we won't have trials, but He does promise to be with us."

Over the next few weeks, my faith was stretched even more as I resigned from my job, packed up our house, and prepared for another visa interview.

When we returned to the American embassy, we stood before another official as she ruffled through our documents. "Do you have things in place in the U.S.?" she asked.

This time, we were able to say everything we'd arranged.

"Okay," she said, "I will approve this application."

Thank You, Jesus! We are going to America!

In November 2011, we arrived in Colorado to attend Charis. What followed was three years of mountaintops and valleys. But my heart changed as I became immersed in the Word, learned to trust God, and found my identity in Christ.

Read the whole story in my book *Just Stand*, available at RootsAndWingsMI.org/store.

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AWMPACT: The Greatest of These is Charity

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

One of the best feelings in the world is being able to give and make a difference in the lives of others. Kay Owen-Larson knows this feeling well. When the Lord pointed out to Kay that senior care centres addressed the physical needs of residents but not their spiritual and emotional needs, Kay responded by founding Crossroads Ministries USA in 2002. Since then, many families, churches, and various groups across the country have been trained to befriend this overlooked generation.

"The last two years have been very difficult for them," shared Kay. "One report said that almost 200,000 U.S. care centre residents have died - some from Covid, some from neglect, and some from loneliness," she stated. "It seems our nation would rather lose our elderly from lack of touch and loneliness than allow family, chaplains, and volunteers in to visit them."

Since the holiday season can be an especially lonely time, Crossroads Ministries works diligently to provide thousands of gifts through *Operation Golden Christmas*, a program in which volunteers from Crossroads bring warmth and cheer with very large gift bags full of presents for each resident.

But it doesn't stop there. Ministry happens throughout the year as volunteers spend many hours writing sweet cards with scriptural encouragement and

bringing residents flowers on Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Veteran's Day to let them know they are loved.

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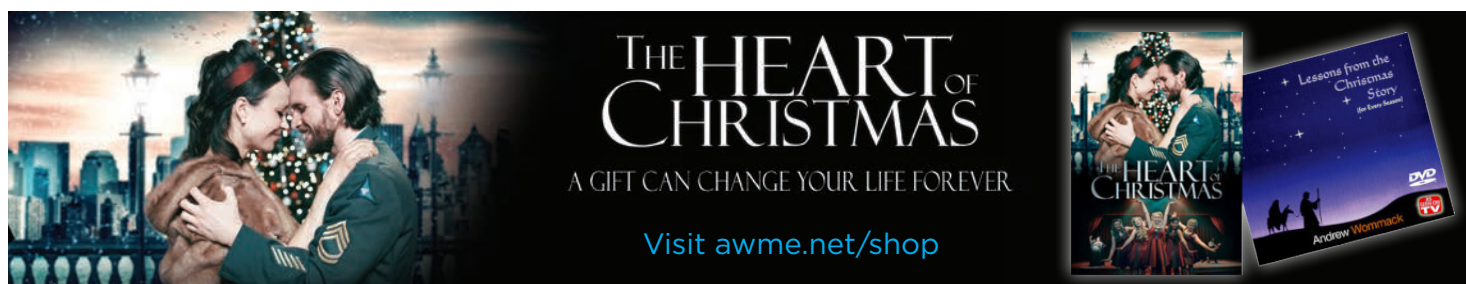
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And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

-Matthew 25:40

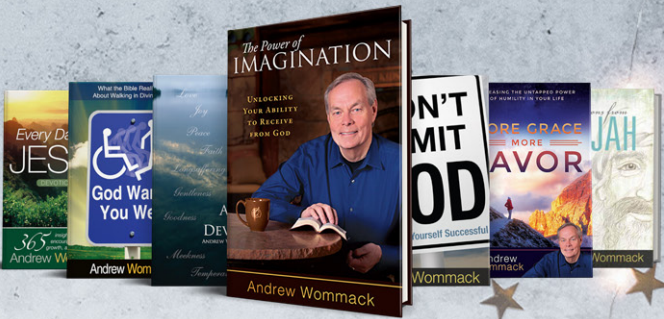
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