

**“THE NIGHT THAT CHANGED THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD”**  
**(A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE MEDITATION)”**

**INTRO:** The purpose of our service tonight is to focus on what God did for us through the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ. All of the congregational hymns, special music and scripture reading was designed and appropriately placed to draw attention to and exalt God for what He did for the human race through Christ’s birth. The theme of our evening has been **“THE NIGHT THAT CHANGED THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD”** for truly when Christ was born the course of history in the world was changed. Think of it for a bit...**WITHOUT THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST THERE WOULD BE NO HISTORY OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS, NO HISTROY OF THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH, NO HISTORY OF WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS, NO HISTORY OF GREAT AWAKENINGS AND REVIVALS, NO HISTORY OF AMERICA BECOMING A NATION BASED UPON BIBLICAL CHRIST-LIKE PRINCIPLES. TRULY THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST CHANGED THE PROGRESSIVE HISTORY OF THE WORLD.**

It is interesting that when we look at the word “HISTORY” we can divide it into two separate words...**HIS STORY.** And in all reality all things that have taken place since the creation of the universe, of which our earth is a part, is **GOD’S STORY** as He is the One who has **caused, or allowed but certainly has directed all things to occur down through the history of time under His providential provision and power, which includes THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**BUT WHAT HAPPENED ON THE NIGHT WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN, THAT, UNDER GOD’S DIRECTION, CHANGED THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD? LET’S CONSIDER SEVERAL THINGS FROM THE PAGES OF SCRIPTURE.**

***I. THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN CHANGED HISTORY THROUGH THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY***

- The Prophecy Given – Isaiah 7:14
- The Prophecy Fulfilled – Mathew 1:22,23

***II. THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN CHANGED HISTORY THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF ETERNAL SALVATION***

- Matthew 1:21

***III. THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN CHANGED HISTORY THROUGH THE REVELATION OF GOD TO MANKIND***

- Matthew 1:23
- John 1:14

***IV. THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN CHANGED HISTORY THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY THROUGH THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR***

- Luke 2:10,11

***V. THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN CHANGED HISTORY THROUGH THE OFFER OF THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL***

- 1 Corinthians 9:15

***VI. THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN CHANGED HISTORY BY LAYING THE FOUNDATION OF PERFECT GOVERNMENT ON EARTH***

- Isaiah 9:7

***VII. THE NIGHT THAT CHRIST WAS BORN CHANGED HISTROY BY GIVING EACH OF US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE OUR ETERNITY DESTINY***

- John 5:24

**LESSON/APPLICATION**

**Christmas is not just another holiday on the calendar. It is the time when the GREATEST GIFT OF ALL was presented BY GOD to ALL MANKIND...THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN. HAVE YOU RECEIVED THIS GREAT GIFT OF SALVATION THAT GOD MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST? TONIGHT, YOU CAN SETTLE YOUR ETERNAL HISTORY AND FUTURE BY RECEIVING GOD’S GIFT OF SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST. AND IF YOU HAVE ALREADY TRUSTED CHRIST, YOU CAN REJOICE OVER THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU WILL BE SPENDING ETERNITY WITH HIM THROUGH RECEIVING HIS GREAT GIFT OF SALVATION.**