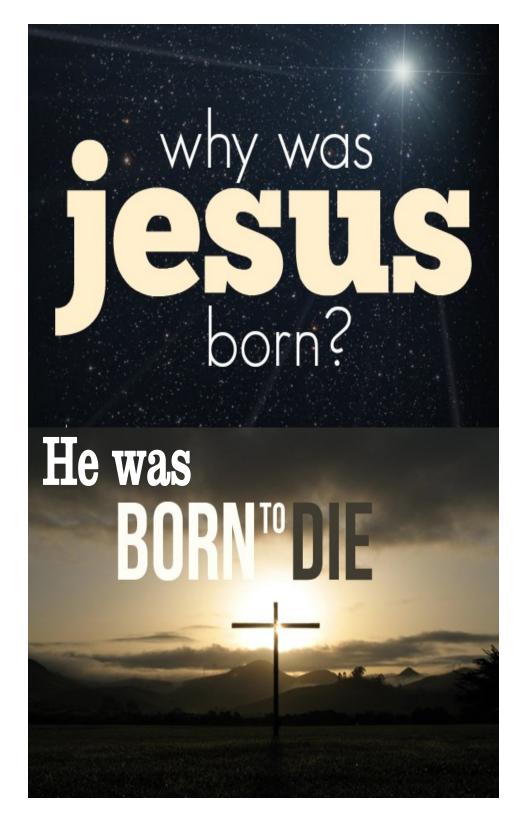
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At this time of the year, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We sing and listen to songs with titles such as "Joy To The World," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night" and "O Holy Night," but do we stop to reflect and think about what these songs mean? Do we all realize about whom we are singing?

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ was born some 2,000 years ago in a little town of Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1-6) on a regular, what we may call, "silent night." What Jesus brought was "joy to the world!" You see, "long lay the world in sin and error pining till He appeared." Jesus came to earth with one purpose which was to die on the cross for the sins of mankind. The Bible tells us in Philippians 2:5-8 that Jesus came to this earth to die, but not only to die, but to experience "death on the cross." God loved us and wanted a relationship with us so He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for the world (John 3:16), a world of sinners (Romans 5:8) who needed a Savior. Jesus is that Savior that all mankind needs to right their relationship with God. Not only did He die, but He also rose again three days later giving us a Living Savior (1 Peter 1:3). At this time of the year, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but as we do so, we must remember that He was "BORN TO DIE." "O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

Do you know Jesus as you Lord and Savior?

## **BORN TO DIE**

On the night Christ was born
Just before the break of morn,
As the stars in the sky were fading,
O'er the place where he lay,
Fell a shadow cold and gray
Of a cross that would humble a King.

Jesus knew when He came
He would suffer in shame;
He could feel every pain and sorrow.
But He left Paradise.
With His blood He paid the priceMy redemption to Jesus I owe.

From His throne Jesus came,
Laid aside Heaven's fame
In exchange for the cross of Calvary;
For my gain suffered loss,
For my sin He bore the crossHe was wounded and I was set free.

Born to die upon Calvary.

Jesus suffered my sin to forgive;
Born to die upon Calvary,
He was wounded that I might live.