

CHRISTMAS 2019 - Part 3

**“The Birth of the Savior
of the World”**

“Is There Room in Your Heart?”

Isaiah 9: 6-7

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This Christmas, ask yourself the following question:

Is there room in your heart to write His story?

And never forget:

The giving God gave His best!

Make room in your heart for His gift to you - *HIS SON!!*****





Q:

What are some characteristics of sheep?

A:

Timid, fearful, easily panicked, gullible, easily influenced by leader (Shepard), vulnerable to mob psychology, runs from predators, nearly defenseless, easily killed, very little discernment in choosing food or water, eats poisonous plants and drinks dirty water.

The question that is posed to all humanity:

Is there room in your heart for God to write ***HIS STORY?***

His Story starts in **Genesis 3: 15**

- the first promise of a Savior
- the first Gospel (protoevangelium)

The prophets promised a deliverer
- Isaiah 7: 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 (God with us)”*

Why must there be a virgin birth?

- 1) Sin came into the world through Adam - Romans 5: 12
- 2) Sin is passed on through the man
- 3) The virgin birth allowed Jesus to be born into the world without Adam's sin
- 4) Adam was the only sinless man to ever live (Jesus is the God/man)

Why must there be a virgin birth?

- 5) Only another sinless man could redeem what Adam lost
- 6) Jesus is called the *last Adam*
1 Corinthians 15: 45
- 7) Jesus is the *only One* who could die as a sinless sacrifice for the sins of mankind

No great angel, no great person, no other world religion can save people from their sins

***CHRISTIANITY IS THE ONE
TRUE RELIGION!!***

Christianity is the only world religion that has a ***sinless Savior!***

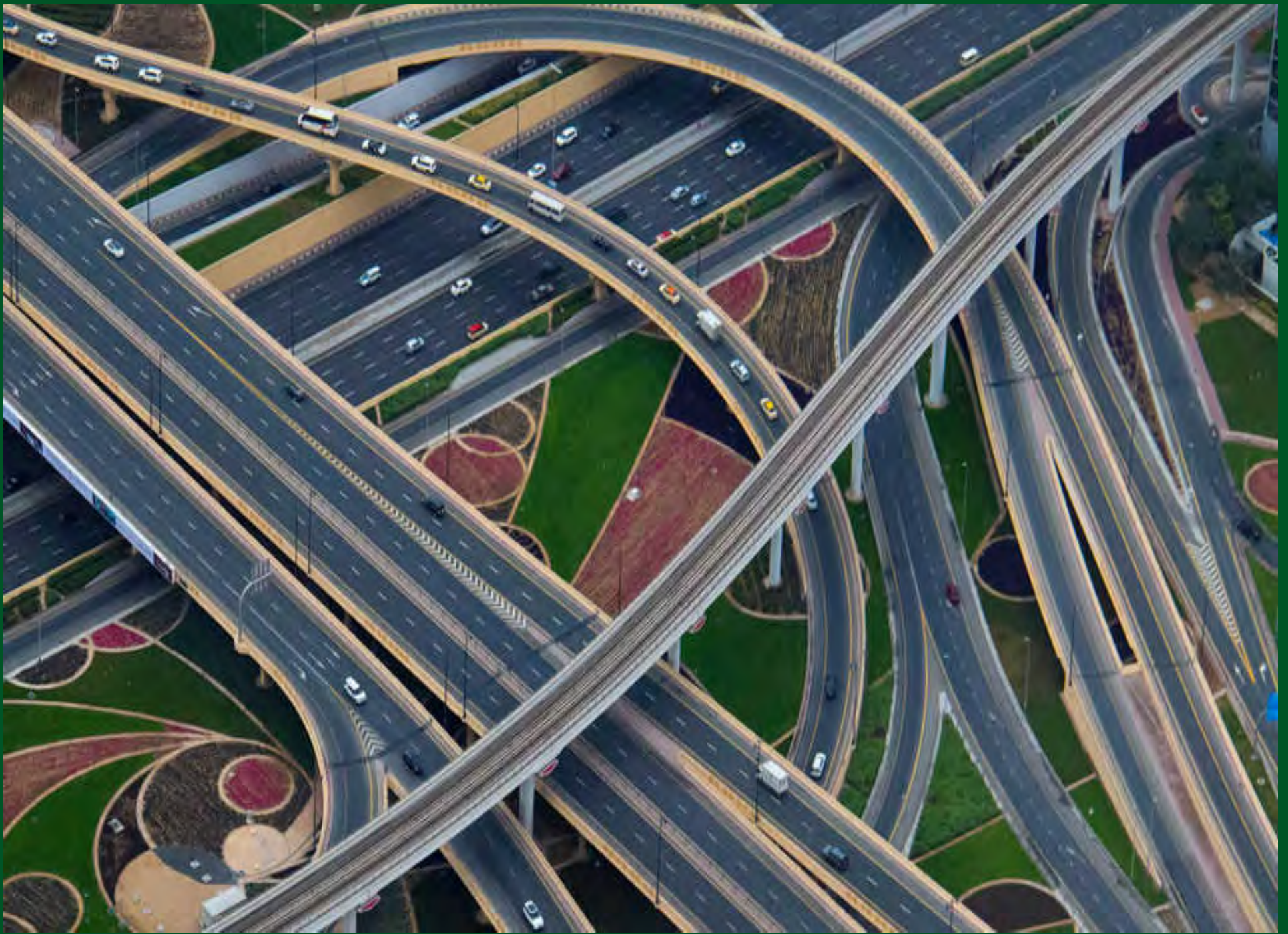
Jesus believed this - **John 14: 6**

All other religions are false ways, false paths, false roads to God!

Enter through the narrow gate.
For wide is the gate and broad
is the road that leads to
destruction, and many enter
through it. But small is the
gate and narrow the road
that leads to LIFE,
and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:13-14







Isaiah 9: 6-7

“For unto us a Child is born . . .”

Jesus came into the world just like we did; there was a labor, pain and suffering

Can you imagine what Jesus gave up to become one of us?

Philippians 2: 5-7

kenosis = self-emptying of His divine privileges

Zodhiate's explanation:

“In spite of His essence of deity, He took upon Himself the true essence of a servant. In order to be a servant, He had to become a man and appear in the likeness of men. Jesus entered the world of men who failed properly to recognize Him as God.”

This was a huge sacrifice on Jesus' part
- He is forever fully God and fully man, and He did it for us!!

“Unto us a Son is given;”

The giving God gave **His only begotten Son** to die for every sin ever committed

The Innocent **sacrificed His life** for the guilty

The giving God **gave His absolute best!**

This Christmas season, ***make room in your heart for God to write His Story!***

“And the government shall be upon His shoulder,”

Jesus will one day rule the nations

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (**1 John 3: 8**) and to establish His kingdom

FACT: Jesus was **born in a manger**, lived a **sinless life**, **died on a cross** for our sins, was **buried** and **rose from the dead** the third day and **will return** to rule over His Messianic Kingdom

Notice how Isaiah identifies this
Child, this Son:

*“Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”*

THIS CHILD IS GOD!!!

Jesus will establish His righteous
government and *it will be forever!*

It will be wonderful - but *only* for
those who **put their trust in Jesus
Messiah as their Savior!**

Who is the writer talking about?

**Who is this Child? Who is this Son?
Who is this Babe in a manger?**

**Allow the Psalmist to tell us -
Psalm 24: 7-10**

**He is the King of Glory, strong
and mighty, *Jesus Messiah***

**God's indescribable gift
2 Corinthians 9: 15**

CLOSING:

As we reflect on this Christmas season, ask yourself these questions, be honest with yourself

- 1) Is there room in your heart for God to write His Story, or is your life cluttered with life?**
- 2) Are you ready to trade your dreams for His Glory?**

- 3) *If there is room in your heart for Jesus, be sure that this will set you apart from our world!*

- 4) This season - ***MAKE ROOM IN YOUR HEART FOR JESUS!!***

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