

**Why Christmas?**  
**Why Did Emmanuel Come?**  
**Selected Verses and Luke 2: 1-11**

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# Jesus is the Gift, the Treasure of Christmas – 2 Corinthians 9: 15

*“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.”*



**Why Christmas?**

**Why Did Emmanuel Come?**

Please think with me:

The Creation Story goes back to this factual event:

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

Genesis 1: 1

God, the **“I AM”**,  
the **One Who** is,  
**HE** created,  
out of nothing,  
the heavens and the earth

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD; AND THE FIRMAMENT SHOWS HIS HANDIWORK. DAY UNTO DAY UTTERS SPEECH, AND NIGHT UNTO NIGHT REVEALS KNOWLEDGE. THERE IS NO SPEECH NOR LANGUAGE WHERE THEIR VOICE IS NOT HEARD. THEIR LINE HAS GONE OUT THROUGH ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE END OF THE WORLD.

PSALMS 19:1-4

# Physicists now know that “Einstein’s Theory of Relativity” is true

Time, Space, and Matter came into existence at a single moment; this validates the Genesis narrative

Genesis 1:1 NIV

1 In the beginning (time)  
God (energy)  
created (action)  
the heavens (space)  
and the earth (matter).

## Day 6

### Genesis 1:26-27

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Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them. (Genesis 1:26-27).

## Day 6

### Genesis 1:28

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God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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- In the Image of God
  - Federal Headship
  - Stewardship and a basis for Ecology

**In the image of God, *the Imago Deio*, we were made perfect, able to commune with our Holy God**

**Adam and Eve walked in this creation in perfect harmony with the perfect God**



**God provided a test for mankind; a simple test of obedience and loyalty - *one simple command!***

## Genesis 2:15-17 (NKJV)

- <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD God took <sup>[a]</sup> the man and put him in the garden of Eden to <sup>[b]</sup> tend and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you <sup>[c]</sup> shall surely die."

Mankind disobeys Genesis 3; the tempter came with an interesting approach:

*“Has God indeed said . . . . .”* DOUBT!

Adam and Eve failed the test, sin entered God’s creation and *sin brings death!*

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

**ROMANS 5:12, NKJV**

**Sin separates; God cannot be in the presence of sin**

Mankind is cursed, no hope, doomed!

**ENTER EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US / **ENTER THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE!****

Jesus dies on a cross, pays our sin debt and takes on Himself all the wrath of God that is destined for me

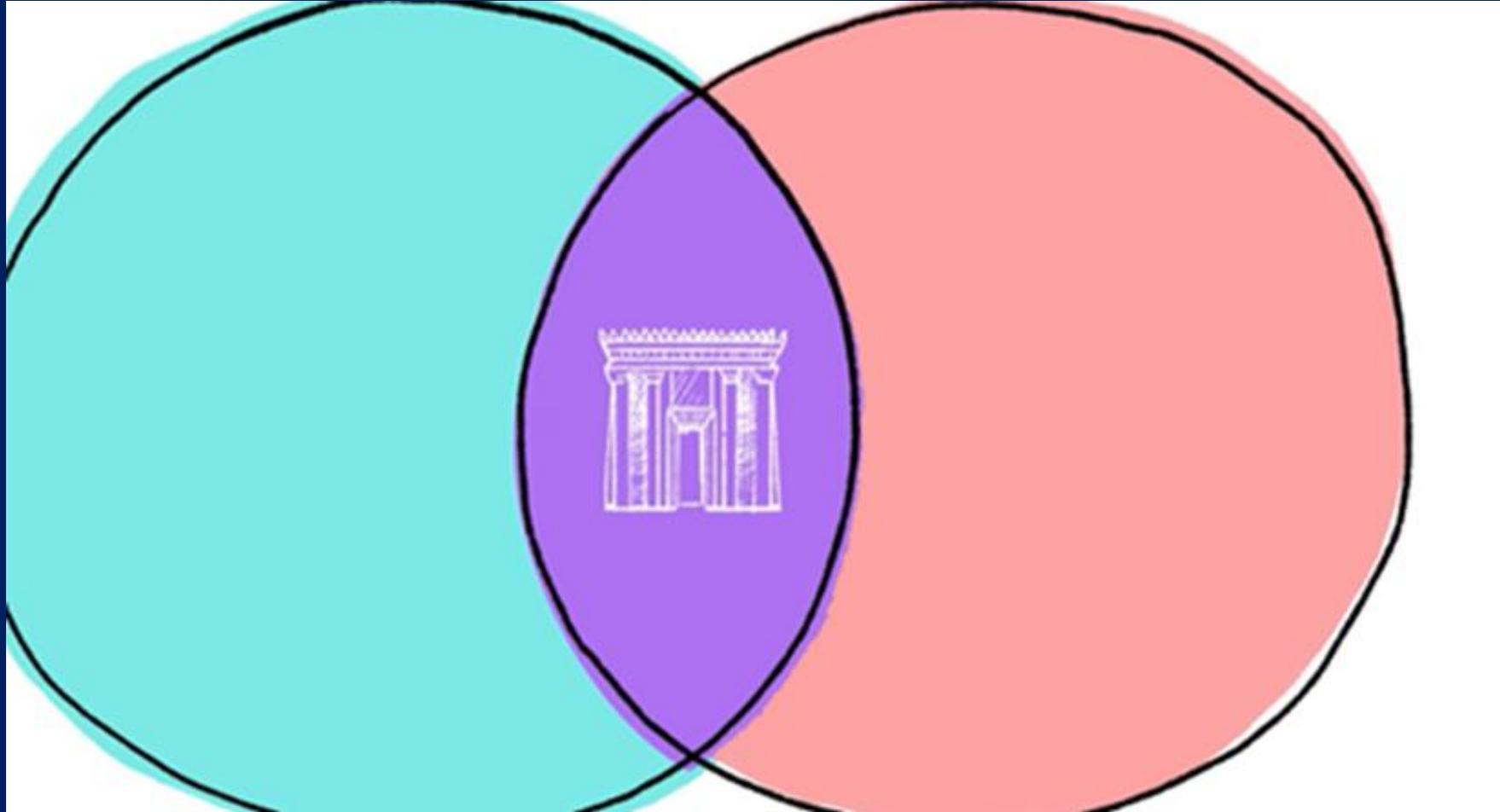
God's desire is to take us back to Genesis, when all was well between God and mankind!

**God's desire is to bring heaven to earth!**

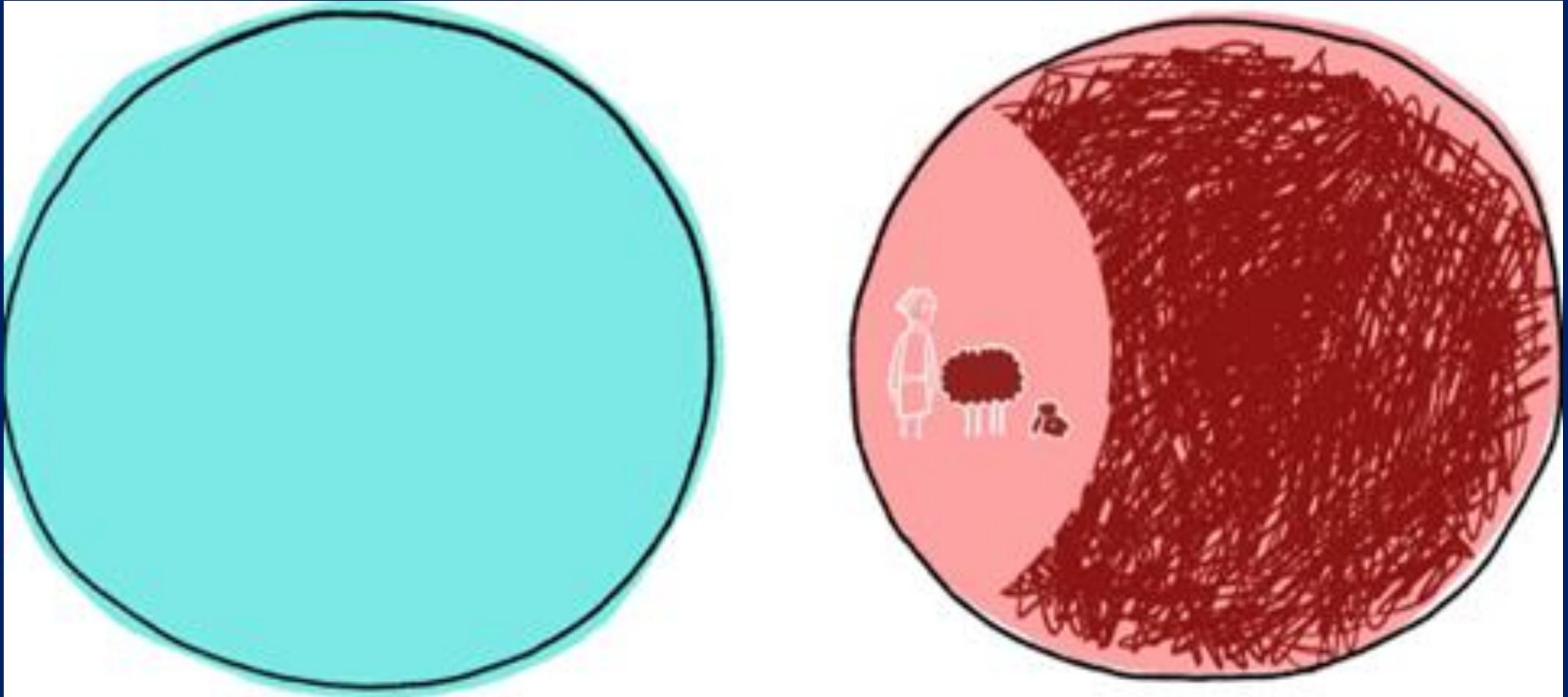
He does this by sending Himself, the second person of the Trinity, JESUS, to live as one of us

**The Christmas Story is God came to earth,  
to bring heaven in the form of a baby boy!**

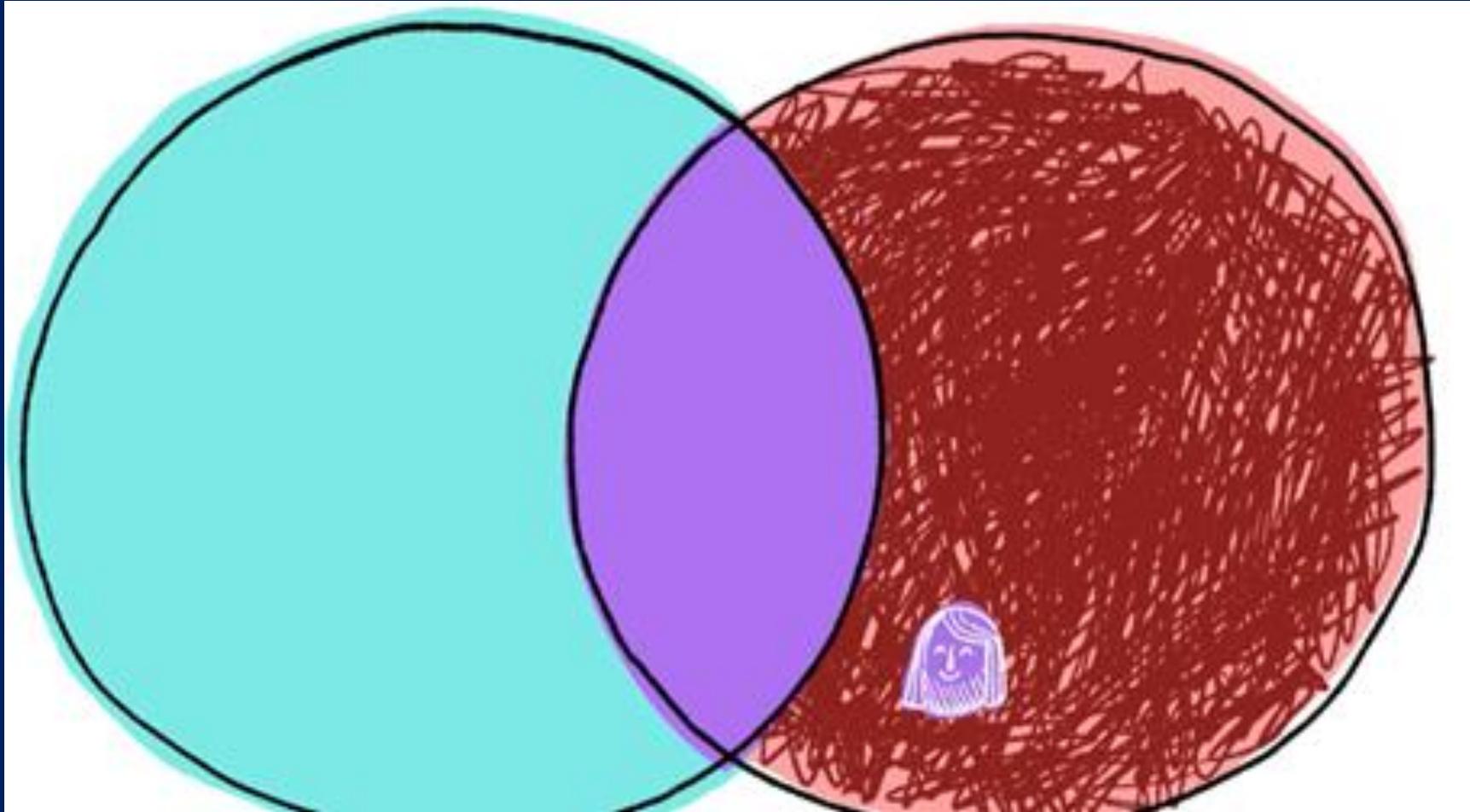
# GENESIS WHEN EVERYTHING WAS VERY GOOD



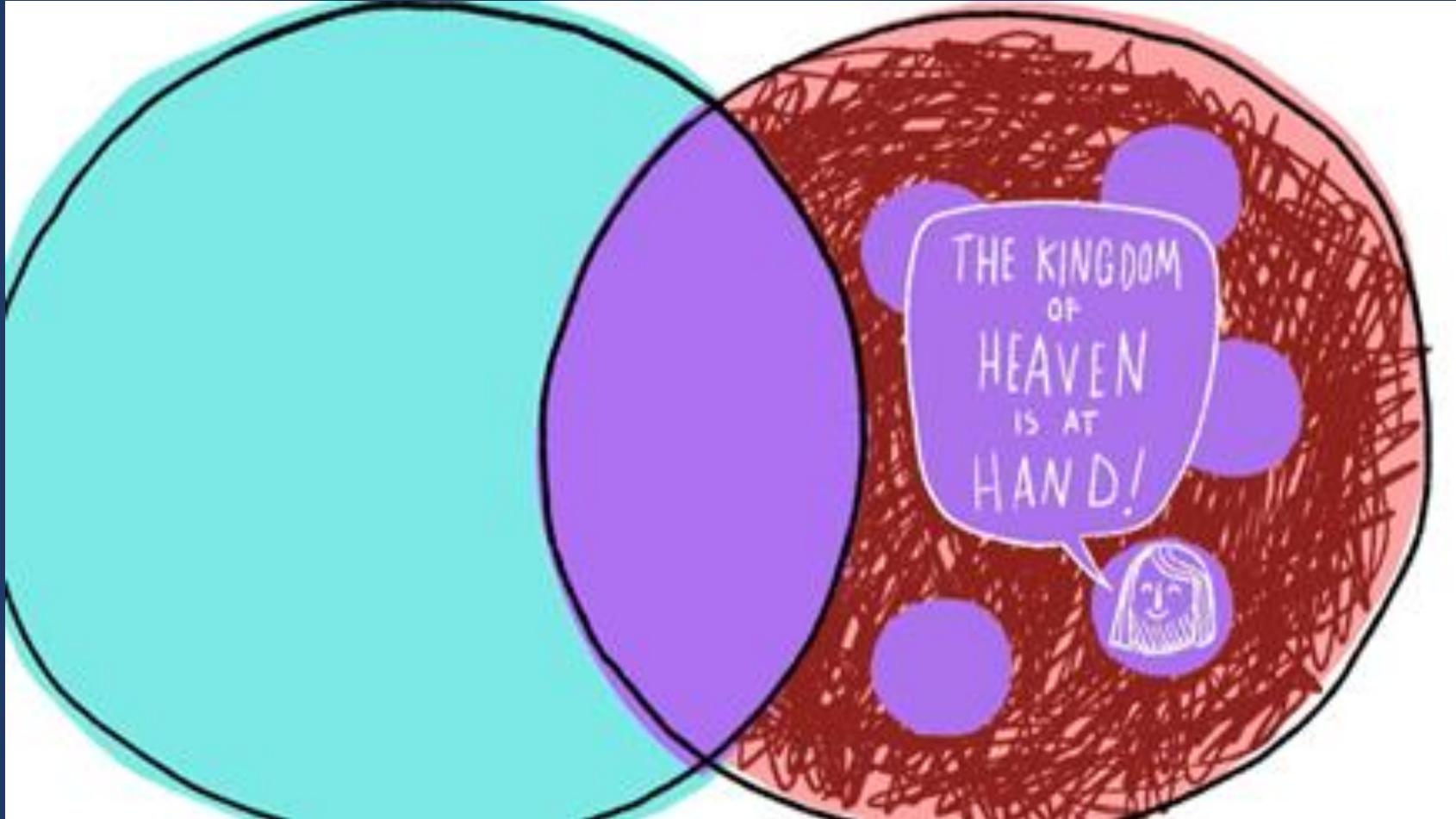
# GENESIS AFTER THE FALL, MANKIND SEPARATED FROM GOD



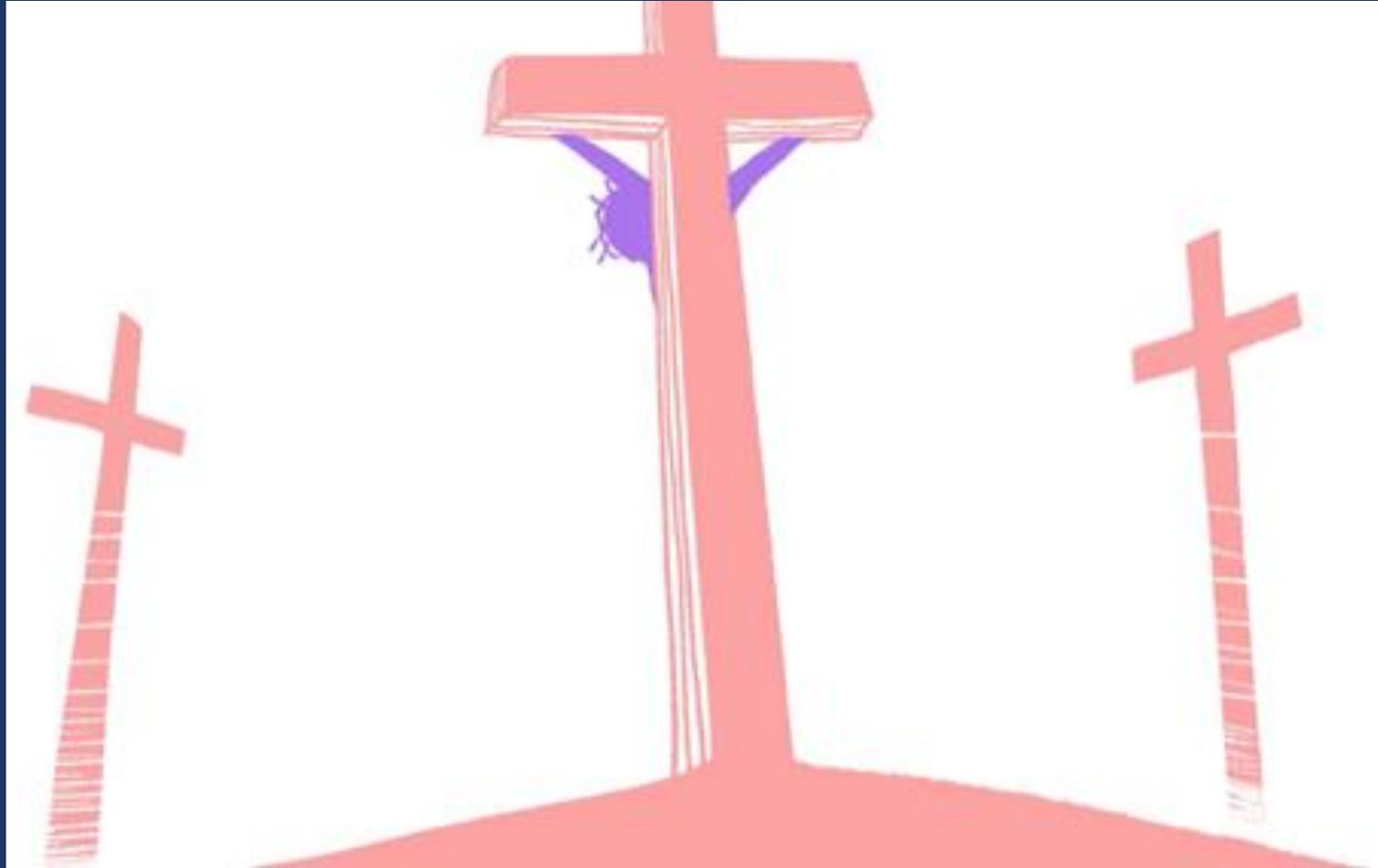
# JESUS LEAVES THE COMFORT OF HEAVEN TO BECOME ONE OF US



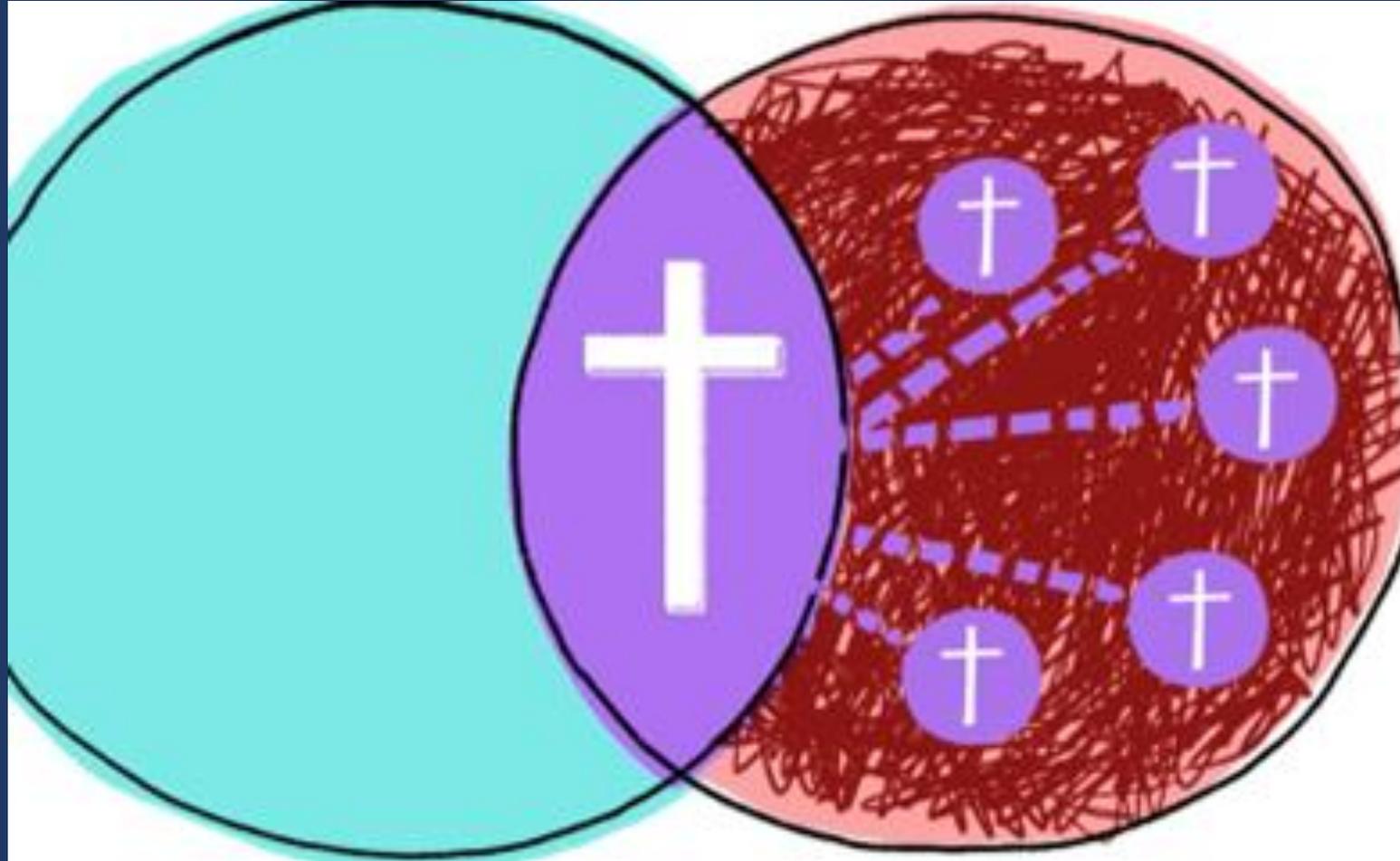
# JESUS OFFERS THE KINGDOM TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE



# JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS A CRIMINAL'S DEATH



# JESUS BRINGS HEAVEN TO EARTH FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HIM



## SUMMARY:

**JESUS LEAVES HEAVEN AND CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE TO BE PART OF HEAVEN, *TO DWELL WITH GOD FOREVER.***

**HEAVEN AND EARTH MERGE TO THE PLACE WHERE GOD DWELLS, TABERNACLES, WITH ALL OF MANKIND WHO BELIEVE IN GOD'S SON.**

**THE NEW JERUSALEM - GOD AND MANKIND DWELLING TOGETHER IN PERFECTION FOREVER!**



**Luke 2: 1-7**

**The Birth of Jesus**

**There is a problem in the story . . . . .**

**Messiah must be born in Bethlehem – Micah 5: 2**

**No problem for God, who moves the heart of Caesar Augustus to take a census**

**Everyone must go back to their own city**

**For Joseph, that was Bethlehem**

**At the time of Jesus' birth, there was no place to stay; the King of the Universe would be birthed in a cattle stall, and placed in a manger, a feeding trough**

## Luke 2: 8-11

**Shepherds were introduced to the  
Light of the World**

***“The Glory of the Lord shone around them”***

**The Shekinah glory of God tabernacling with mankind**

**Shekinah = God dwelling with mankind**

**Shepherds were the lowest rung on Israel's totem pole**

**Everyone, regardless of human social status, are of equal importance to Jesus**

**God does not show favoritism; God hates pride; God hates prejudice**

**Why Christmas?**

**Why Emmanuel?**

**Why God with us?**

**Emmanuel came to seek and to save the lost**

*Folks, that is all of us! LOST!*

**Why Christmas, why Emmanuel?**

*To take all who will trust in Jesus Messiah back to Genesis*

*Back to the way God originally intended for us to live with God*

*In a perfect place, with our perfect God, exploring the  
incredible depths of God forever*

**JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**

**JESUS IS THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING**



**WHY DID  
EMMANUEL COME?**

**WHY CHRISTMAS?**

***TO TAKE BELIEVERS BACK TO  
GENESIS***

***BACK TO WHEN ALL WAS  
RIGHT IN GOD'S CREATION!***

***MERRY CHRISTMAS  
BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS!***