

The coming of Jesus to planet earth is good news! It was prophesied hundreds of years before it happened and everything that was foretold about Him came to pass. It is a true historical event. His birth was miraculous and His death was part of God's plan.

God sent Jesus to earth to die for all mankind. He was the only one who could pay the price for our sin because He was perfect. No one else could do that. Jesus was willing and obedient to die that cruel death for us. But God did not leave him in the grave to rot. He raised Him from the dead and He is alive today.

Why do we still celebrate His birth?

Jesus was a Jew, born over 2,000 years ago in a stable in Bethlehem, Israel. His name means "salvation". He was condemned as a criminal because He claimed to be the Son of God. He died by crucifixion at the age of 33. All his followers deserted him and yet he is probably the best known person that ever lived.

Who is this Jesus?

JESUS

BORN....

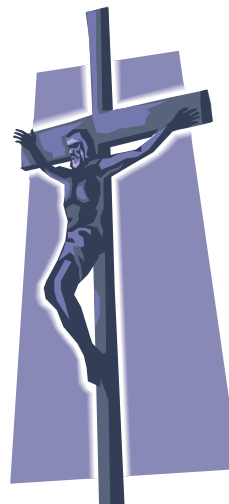
....TO DIE



HE LIVES



TODAY!



So let's remember Him, let's understand why He came. Let's thank God for His birth, His death and His resurrection. Let's rejoice because He is alive today. He's not a baby in a manger any more, He is a resurrected man, the first born from the dead. He lives forever and soon He will be coming back to earth to set up His Kingdom! Now that is really something to celebrate!

Christmas we are celebrating Jesus!

The word is made up of two parts "Christ" and "mas" which means "Christ celebration". Christmas has come to be the birthday celebration of Jesus Christ. The word Christ comes from a Greek word meaning "anointed one" which in Hebrew is Messiah. History indicates that Jesus was most likely not born on 25th December, however this has come to be the traditional time for celebrating His birthday. The real time of His birth was probably September/October time. Be that as it may, the point is, when we are celebrating Christmas we are celebrating Jesus!

What is the origin of Christmas?



If you would like to know more about what you have read in this leaflet, contact your nearest Christian church or the address below. Don't let another year go by without discovering the real reason for the season—**JESUS!**