

Merry Christmas!

The Birth of Jesus John 1:1-18

John 1:1-18 opens with a powerful truth. The Word existed before all things. The Word was with God. The Word was God. This Word entered human history. Jesus was born into the world He created. He came not with force or status, but with light, truth, and love. Christmas celebrates this moment when God chose closeness over distance and presence over power.

Current events show how much the world longs for light. Wars continue to displace families. Communities recover from fires, floods, and earthquakes. Many people struggle with fear, loneliness, and uncertainty about the future. In these moments, John's Gospel speaks clearly. The light shines in the darkness. The darkness does not overcome it. Jesus enters broken places. He brings hope where despair feels heavy.

Welcoming baby Jesus into our heart begins with openness. We welcome Him when we slow down and listen. We welcome Him when we choose kindness in a divided world. We welcome Him when we protect dignity, seek justice, and care for those on the margins. John reminds us that Jesus gives power to become children of God. Faith shapes how we live, how we speak, and how we love.

Christmas invites renewal. It invites reflection on priorities and relationships. It calls families to gather with gratitude and forgiveness. As the year closes, this Gospel urges us to trust God's presence in every season. The Word continues to dwell among us through prayer, service, and compassion.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, open our hearts to His grace. Let His light guide our decisions. Let His truth strengthen our hope. Let His love shape our home and community. Wishing you and our family a Blessed Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2026. May the Word make flesh dwell richly in our hearts. May peace guide our days. May faith sustain us throughout the year ahead

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