December 24, 2025 | Jesus & You
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Sermon Notes

3 Reasons Jesus was born…

1. God Came Near to BE WITH You

John 1:14
14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

2. God Came Near to SAVE You

Matthew 1:21
21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. ”

3. God Came Near to STAY WITH You (Matthew 28:20)

Matthew 28:20b
20b And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. ”

Going Deeper

Take a moment to pray. Confess your need for the Holy Spirit ’ s help in illuminating God ’ s word to you.

Which part of the Christmas season do you find most meaningful? Which part do you find most draining/difficult?

Read John 1:1-14

On Christmas Eve, Ross talked about the longing beneath Christmas traditions. Where do you most feel that longing in your life right now? For peace, hope, love, joy, Christ?

John 1:14 says that God “ came near ” in Jesus. Do you tend to view God as close and personal, or distant and hard to reach? What experiences might have shaped that view?

Read Matthew 1:21

What does this verse reveal to us about the mission of Jesus?

Sin is not only the bad things we do, but also a life lived apart from God. In what ways do people today (including yourself) try to live independantly from God? Why might that feel natural?

Read Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus gives His followers a command and a promise in this passage. Why do you think Jesus connects His command (Go and make disciples) with His presence (I am with you always)?

What might it look like to walk with Jesus more intentinoannlly in your daily rhythms of life? (work, family, relationships, rest)

Upcoming

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