



## “Christmas Connections”

Philippians 2:5-11

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● There are many kinds of Christmas connections. But there is an ultimate Christmas connection in our text this morning.

### The Relevance of Christmas: God Connected to Earth!

■ God invaded earth.

📖 Philippians 2:5-6

■ Jesus said repeatedly, “I am God!” 📖 John 1:1-3, John 8:58; 10:30; 14:9.

### The Reality of Christmas: God Became a Man.

📖 Philippians 2:7-8a

■ Jesus Christ was a real man.

■ How was Jesus like us?

- ◇ He was born like us. 📖 Luke 2:6-7
- ◇ He grew like us. 📖 Luke 2:52
- ◇ He was tempted like us. 📖 Hebrews 4:15
- ◇ He suffered like us. 📖 Matthew 26:38

### The Reason for Christmas: He Came to Die.

📖 Philippians 2:8

■ Why did He do it? (*Two reasons*)

- ◇ To demonstrate God's love. Romans 5:8; John 3:16; John 15:13
- ◇ To pay for my sins.

■ When you break man's law you have to pay man's penalty. You break God's law, you pay God's penalty. 📖 Romans 6:23

### The Result of Christmas: Jesus is Lord!

📖 Philippians 2:9-11

■ Two results of Jesus' willingness to humble Himself and die:

- ◇ He has been given the place of highest honor in the universe.
- ◇ He is given a new title - “Lord”

■ What does it mean to call Jesus “Lord”?

- ◇ Acknowledge: that He is God.
- ◇ Believe: that He has all things under His control.
- ◇ Commit: all of my life to Him.

### So What?

- ◇ “There has been only one Christmas - the rest are anniversaries.” ~W.J. Cameron
- ◇ Jesus came to earth so that we could make the ultimate Christmas Connection—a personal relationship with God. Is that a reality in your life?
- ◇ Is Jesus “Lord” of your Christmas and your life?