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2. The Reality of Christmas: _____

He was _____ **like us.**

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3. The Reason for Christmas: _____

To demonstrate _____

To pay for _____

4. The Result of Christmas: _____

I acknowledge that Jesus _____.

I believe that Jesus has _____.

I commit all of my _____.

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1. The Relevance of Christmas: God Came to Earth

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...” (John 1:1, NIV).

“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58, NIV).

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9, NIV).

2. The Reality of Christmas: God Became Man

“He gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form” (Philippians 2:7, NLT).

“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin” (Hebrews 4:15, NLT).

He was born like us.

He grew like us.

“Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52, NIV).

He was tempted like us.

“One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15, NASB).

He suffered like us.

“My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death” (Matthew 26:38, NLT).

3. The Reason for Christmas: Jesus Came to Die

“Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8, NASB).

To demonstrate God's love

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8 NASB).

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13 NLT).

To pay for our sins

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23, NASB).

“And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24, NASB).

“There has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11, NASB).

4. The Result of Christmas: Jesus Is Lord

“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11, NASB).

“For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11, NASB).

I acknowledge that Jesus really is God.

I believe that Jesus has everything under control.

I commit all of my life to Jesus.

“If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9, NASB).