

## IMAGINE CHRISTMAS: GOD INVADED OUR WORLD

### “He Speaks But Is Anyone Listening”

John 1:1-4, 14

All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.  
Many of us really don't “need” anything material for Christmas.

Humanity's needs correspond to four perilous problems.

- 1) We are [ignorant of God](#). We need [the truth](#).
- 2) We are [blind](#). We need [sight](#).
- 3) We are [guilty](#). We need [forgiveness](#).
- 4) We are [dead](#). We need [life](#).

GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW HIM SO HE DID THE MOST AMAZING THING—HE CAME PERSONALLY INTO THE WORLD. It's not that He was silent prior to His coming.

- 1) He wrote Truth into [the Creation](#). (Romans 1:19-20)
- 2) He revealed Truth in through [His providence in history](#). (Acts 14:16-17 and 17:24-31)
- 3) He spoke Truth through [spokesmen](#). (Hebrews 1:1)

But He then did something unexpected! HE CAME AS “THE LOGOS” (WORD). THE “LOGOS” (THE PERFECT AND FULL EXPRESSION OF ALL THAT GOD IS AND WANTS TO SAY) EXISTED FOREVER BUT ENTERED FINITE TIME. (1:1-4)

#### I) HE CAME AS A [HUMAN](#).

(John 1:14) “*And the word became flesh...*”

#### II) HE CAME TO [EXPRESS GOD](#) TO THE HUMAN RACE.

(John 14:10) “*Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing His work.*”

(John 14:24) “*...These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.*”

#### III) HIS WORDS BRING [LIFE](#) TO THOSE WHO [LISTEN](#).

(John 5:24) “*I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life...*”

(John 6:63) “*The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.*”

(John 10:26-30) “*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.*”

#### IV) HIS WORDS BRING [JUDGMENT](#) TO THOSE WHO [REFUSE TO LISTEN](#).

(John 8:37-41) “*I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father.*”

*‘Abraham is our father,’ they answered.*

*‘If you were Abraham's children,’ said Jesus, ‘then you would do the things Abraham did. As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. You are doing the things your own father does.’*”

(John 12:47-48) “*As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.*”

SO, GOD CAME...AND HE EXPRESSED EVERYTHING HE HAD TO SAY...BUT WHO'S LISTENING?

Answer: John 5:24—the one who “[believes](#).”

(John 5:37-38) “*You have never heard His (Father's) voice nor seen His form, nor does His word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one He sent.*”

- Belief is [active](#) not [passive](#)
- Belief is [continuous](#) not [historic](#)

ARE YOU LISTENING? [Everything is at stake](#).

(John 5:25-30) “*I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. And He has given Him authority to judge because He is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out — those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.*”

No one can say, “[I never knew](#).”