

christmas and new year messages

Here is a Christmas and new year message from Ps Darin Browne of <https://ignitechurch.org.au...>

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Christmas means different things various people. For some people it's a season of joy, a time for them to commit to family and good friends. For other people it is a time of loneliness. For some it's like of wonder, lights and magic, while for many people it's just the opportunity to take only a small number of days off work, eat a bit and drink a lot.

In the course of all this, you might be forgiven for believing that the central figure of Christmas this is usually a old, fat jolly guy within a red suit. There's a lot of fake in Christmas... fake elves, fake snow, fake stars, fake trees, fake smiles at family gatherings, and as adults we are conditioned to believe nothing but play along with façade. But lots of people who are Christians have something greater than the fakeness, something that makes this season certainly one of true joy and genuine thankfulness.

His name is Jesus, and right now we celebrate His visiting earth. You'll see pictures of Him as an infant, all that's not the tip of how it works... it's not even the beginning of the storyline! But why did He, being God, become a man, an individual born in a lowly stable, to some working class family who lived in a working class town? This is without doubt one of the great mysteries of Christmas, that Christ...

Philippians 2:6-11 (ESV Strong's)

who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God an item it doesn't need to be grasped, but emptied himself, by having the sort of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being present in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, in order that on the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and across the world and under the environment, and each tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, beyond just the glory of God the Father.

He didn't come randomly, He didn't come to set up a religion. Jesus wasn't just a good person, or a culture-class prophet. He was and yet is God Himself, and He had the tip game in mind.

Jesus came linked to mission from God...