

## 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 many it's a chance of joy, a opportunity to spend with family and good friends. For many people it is a time of loneliness. For many it's such as of wonder, lights and magic, while for clients it's just the opportunity to take a few days off work, eat a little bit and drink a lot.

In the course of all of this, there is a chance that you are forgiven for feeling that the central figure of Christmas this is usually a old, fat jolly guy inside a red suit. There's a lot of fake in Christmas... fake elves, fake snow, fake stars, fake trees, fake smiles at family gatherings, to the point where as adults we're conditioned to believe nothing but play in addition to façade. But those of us who're Christians have something more than the fakeness, one that makes around right now one among true joy and genuine thankfulness.

His name is Jesus, and at the moment we celebrate His coming to earth. You'll see pictures of Him as a baby, however the status quo's not the tip of the storyline... it's not even the start of the story! But why did He, being God, to be a man, a person born in a lowly stable, to some working class family who lived within the working class town? This is likely one of the great mysteries of Christmas, that Christ...

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

who, though he was comprising of God, did not count equality with God such as it certainly doesn't need to be grasped, but emptied himself, if you take through a servant, being born within the likeness of men. And being present in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the stage that death, even death on any cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that's above every name, in order that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on this planet and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, besides the glory of God the Father.

He didn't come randomly, He didn't come to establish a religion. {<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fniOfyqQsVU> wasn't just a superb person, or a realm-class prophet. He was and nevertheless is God Himself, and He had the top game in mind.

Jesus came on a mission from God...