



The Story of  
*Christmas*

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***Understanding the Message of Christmas***  
***Luke 2***

The message of Christmas...

- is not one of fear, but great joy.
- is one message proclaimed to all people.
- is not simply about a special child, but the Savior child.
- demands a decision from every person who hears it.

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

- C.S. Lewis

***Additional Scripture:***

John 3:16