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The Impact of Jesus

Christmas is such a wonderful time as Andy Williams wrote it's the most wonderful time of the year.

It's the most wonderful time of the year
With the kids jingle belling
And everyone telling you be of good cheer
It's the most wonderful time of the year
It's the hap-happiest season of all
With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings
When friends come to call
It's the hap-happiest season of all
There'll be parties for hosting
Marshmallows for toasting
And caroling out in the snow
There'll be scary ghost stories
And tales of the glories of
Christmases long, long ago
It's the most wonderful time of the year
There'll be much mistltoeing
And hearts will be glowing
When loved ones are near

It's the most wonderful time of the year!! (Singing)

BUT- for the Christian- for the ones who have been rescued!!!! WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

Everthing is amplified a million times over!

Family, friends, traditions, lights, trees, decorations, carols, Jesus!

Matthew 1:18-25

The Creche- the mangerr especially- JESUS--- we love to look at things-

Turtles, elephants, frogs, deer heads, pictures, Bible verses, etc.

Much money is spend on **collections** that do nothing except give us something to look at, but it has a daily impact on our lives. It's a reminder to us of something and impacts our lives in some kind of way. **It brings our memories and our emotions into play.**

III. My collections

The Impact of Christmas in an acrostic.

Immanuel of Christmas

Isaiah 7:14- Matthew 1:23

MacArthur - Fantasy and mythology have counterfeited the virgin birth of Jesus Christ with a proliferation of false accounts intended to minimize His utterly unique birth. For example, the Romans believed that [Zeus impregnated Semele](#) (sem i lee) without contact and that she conceived Dionysus, lord of the earth. The Babylonians believed that [Tammuz](#) (see [Ezek. 8:14](#)) was conceived in the priestess [Semiramis](#) (seh meer a miss) by a sunbeam. In an ancient Sumerian/Assyrian story inscribed on a wall, Tukulti II (890–884 B.C.) told how the gods created him in the womb of his mother. It was even claimed that the goddess of procreation superintended the conception of King Sennacherib (705–681 B.C.). At the conception of Buddha, his mother supposedly saw a great white elephant enter her belly. Hinduism has claimed that the divine Vishnu, after reincarnations as a fish, tortoise, boar, and lion, descended into the womb of Devaki and was born as her son Krishna. There is even a legend that Alexander the Great was virgin born by the power of Zeus through a snake that impregnated his mother, Olympias. Satan has set up many more such myths to counterfeit the birth of Christ in order to make it seem either common or legendary. (Matthew Commentary)

The Name IMMANUEL emphasizes the nearness of God. Christ's birth brought the infinite, holy God within reach of finite, sinful man. God came to live with us so we could live with Him. The Son of God became the Son of Man that He might change the sons of men into sons of God ([1Jn 3:1KJV+](#)), sons and daughters who can "now draw near with confidence (boldness) to the Throne of grace" through our Immanuel ([Heb 4:16+](#), [Heb 10:19-22+](#)). And so Immanuel speaks of the incarnation of Christ, God in the flesh. John describes the revelation of Immanuel writing that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His (Shekinah) glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." ([Jn 1:14+](#))

Spurgeon says in this great Name IMMANUEL *"is eternity's sonnet, heaven's hallelujah, the shout of the glorified, the song of the redeemed, the chorus of angels, the everlasting oratorio of the great orchestra of the sky."*

He adds that "John Wesley died with the words "The best of all is GOD IS WITH US" on his tongue. May God's Spirit enable us to live with those very words ever on our hearts!" "Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as Man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel." (Charles Wesley) Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Immanuel, God is with us

Michael Card

A sign shall be given, A virgin will conceive
A human baby bearing undiminished Deity
The Glory of the nations, a Light for all to see
And Hope for all who will embrace His warm reality.

Refrain

IMMANUEL, OUR GOD IS WITH US

And if GOD IS WITH US, who could stand against us?

Our GOD IS WITH US, IMMANUEL.

For all those who live in the shadow of death

A Glorious Light has dawned

For all those who stumble in the darkness

Behold, your Light has come.

Refrain

So what will be your answer? Will you hear the call

Of Him Who did not spare His Son but gave Him for us all

On earth there is no power, there is no depth nor height

That could ever separate us from the love of God in Christ.

Seven Great Prophecies Fulfilled

1. EMMANUEL, BY ISAIAH [Isaiah 7:14](#); [Matt. 1:22](#), [23](#)
2. BETHLEHEM, BY MICAH [Micah 5:2](#); [Matt. 2:6](#)
3. EGYPT, BY HOSEA [Hosea 11:1](#); [Matt. 2:15](#)
4. RAMA, BY JEREMIAH [Jeremiah 31:15](#); [Matt. 2:18](#)
5. NAZARETH, BY AN UNKNOWN PROPHET, UNRECORDED PROPHECY [Matt. 2:23](#)
6. WILDERNESS, BY ISAIAH [Isaiah 40:3](#), [4](#); [Matt. 3:3](#)
7. GALILEE, BY ISAIAH [Isaiah 9:1](#), [2](#); [Matt. 4:14–16](#)

Messiah of Christmas song- Jesus Messiah

Daniel 9:25- 26; Mark 11:1-10

Other Translations: Messiah the Leader (Young's Literal), the Anointed One, a Prince (Amplified), Christ the Prince (English of Greek Septuagint), the Anointed One, the ruler (NIV), an anointed prince (NRSV), an Anointed Prince (NJB), God's chosen leader (TEV), the appointed leader (NCV), one who is anointed and a leader (NAB), a prince, on whom the holy oil has been put (BBE)

Handel's Messiah

Warren Wiersbe: In many respects, King David fulfilled this prophecy; but the ultimate fulfillment is in Jesus the Christ ("Anointed One") who will one day sit on David's throne and rule over His glorious kingdom ([Luke 1:32, 33, 69-75](#)). (Wiersbe, W. W. Be Successful)

"This was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, Thy King cometh unto thee." ([Mt 21:4](#))

Sir Robert Anderson (1881) and **Dr Harold Hoehner** (1976) independently calculated that following the decree to rebuild Jerusalem ([Neh 2:1-8](#)) until Messiah the Prince there would be an interval of 177,880 days which by their detailed calculations coincided with the **very day** Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey in perfect fulfillment of the prophecies of Daniel and Zechariah, the latter prophesying Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your **King** is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. **10** And I will cut off the (battle) chariot from Ephraim (Israel), and the horse from Jerusalem and the bow of war will be cut off. And He (Who? "Your King", Israel's Messiah) will speak peace to the nations (Gentiles) and His dominion will be from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. ([Zech 9:9, 10](#))

Peace of Christmas

The world was and is in turmoil today. Jesus is the One who brought peace and is Peace!

Isaiah 9:6, 7; 52:7; 53:5; Nahum 1:15; Luke 1:79; 2:14; John 14:27; 16:33; Ephesians 2:14, 15

Romans 3:17- **"And the way of peace they have not known."**

Isaiah 48:22-there is no peace for the wicked.

Romans 15:33- **“the God of peace”**

Peace when? Good days, bad days, stormy days, sunny days,-

[Sheltered In the Arms of God](#) Song by [Dottie Rambo](#)

For I'm sheltered in the arms of God
I feel the touch of hands so kind and tender
They're leading me in paths that I must trod
I'll have no fear 'cause Jesus walks beside me
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God

So let the storms rage high
The dark clouds rise
They won't worry me
For I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God
He walks with me
And naught of earth shall harm me
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God

Soon I shall hear the call from Heaven's portals
"Come home, My child, it's the last mile you have trod."
I'll just fall asleep and wake up in God's new heaven
Forever sheltered in the arms of God
So let the storms rage high
The dark clouds rise
They won't worry me
For I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God
He walks with me
And naught of earth shall harm me
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God
So let the cold winds blow
It's so good to know
That I'm sheltered in the arms of God
Darling we have both been sheltered in the arms of God
The arms of God

Angels of Christmas

Matthew 1:20, 24; 28:2, 5

Luke 1:11-13, 18, 19, 26, 28, 30, 35, 38; **2:9-13**

- ✓ Appeared to Joseph in a dream
- ✓ Rolled the stone back at the resurrection

- ✓ Spoke to the women and told them not to fear because Jesus had risen from the dead.
- ✓ Spoke to Zechariah about John the Baptist
- ✓ Went and spoke to Mary and made the amazing announcement
- ✓ Told Mary not to fear- you have found favor with God, be pregnant with the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Spoke to the shepherds about Jesus

Comfort of Christmas

Finally an answer, finally a solution to the sin problem!

SALVATION

Glad tidings of great joy- Luke 2:10-12

So needed in the trials of life- 1 Peter 1:5-7

Wonderful Words of Life- Philip Bliss

1. Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty
Teach me faith and duty;
 - *Refrain:*
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.
2. Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life.
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven;
3. Sweetly echo the Gospel call,
Wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of life.

Jesus, only Savior,
Sanctify forever;

Telling of Christmas

It's our life- Jesus, the Savior who set us free!

Luke 2:16-20

Ring The Bells by Harry Bollback

Ring the bells, ring the bells, let the whole world know,
Christ was born in Bethlehem many years ago.
Born to die that man might live, came to earth new life to give,
Born of Mary, born so low, many years ago.
God the Father gave His Son, gave His own beloved One,
To the wicked sinful earth, to bring mankind His love, new birth.

Chorus

Ring the bells, ring the bells,
Let the whole world know
Christ the Savior lives today
As He did so long ago!

Ring the bells, ring the bells, what a glorious morn!
Men and angels worship Him, singing, Christ is born!
Born to die on Calvary, born to set His people free,
God Himself in human form, tell it! Christ is born.
He has left His royal throne, He has come to claim His own,
Christ the Lord has come to earth, go spread the news of Jesus' birth.

What's your Christmas take-away?

Looking at the symbol of the manger.

Reminds me of:

- ✓ **My lost condition**
- ✓ **My hopelessness**
- ✓ **My rescue**
- ✓ **My security**
- ✓ **My hope**

- ✓ **My purpose**
- ✓ **My joy**
- ✓ **My peace**

What an impact Christmas had in our lives!