

The Importance of the Birth of Christ

John 3:13-17

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¹⁶For in this way God loved the world: so that He gave His unique Son, in order that the one who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world in order that He should condemn the world, but in order that the world through Him might be saved.

I. The Decent of the Son of Man (Representing Man)

A. The Order of the Events

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B. The Figure of Speech

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C. The Purpose for the Lifting Up

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II. The Sending of the Son of God (Representing God)

A. The Reason for The Incarnation

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B. The Fact of the Incarnation

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C. The Purpose of the Incarnation

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