

doesn't provoke the warm "ooh - He's so cute" that baby Jesus certainly does. Instead He revolutionizes our lives as He challenges us to live differently, to be His disciple.

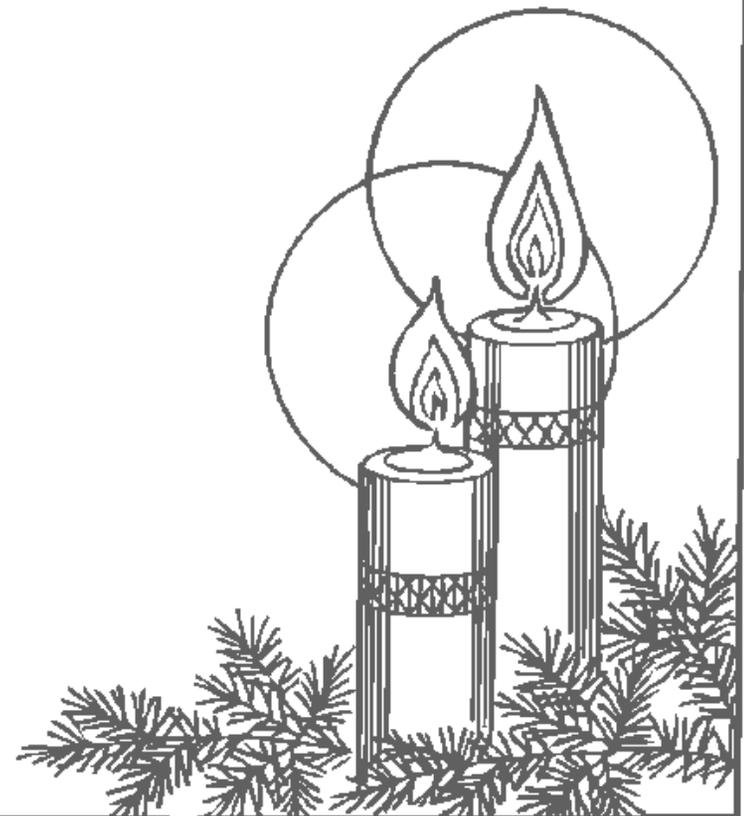
We're interested in studying and learning more about that Jesus, aren't you? Make no mistake about it: we are profoundly grateful for the miracle of Jesus' virgin birth. That God would come here is astounding and awesome. Yet what is more amazing is what Jesus did here: He died for our sins and arose again as Lord and Christ (Acts 2:22-24). Do you know about that part of Jesus' life? We invite you to worship with us. Come and be a part of our Bible classes – there's classes for adults and kids too! Come and meet other people interested in discovering Christianity as described in the New Testament.

We are simply a church of Christ and that means we just want to do what Jesus, the Head of the church, wants us to do. We want to serve Jesus Christ as Lord, and to do that we know we must focus on more than Jesus in the manger. Can we help you explore and find all the Bible tells us about Jesus?

Thanks for thinking about Jesus - and we hope you'll be interested in learning more about Jesus with us!

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More than a Manger





There's More to Jesus than a Manger

Presents. Shopping. Family. Christmas trees. Decorations. Lights. Santa. More shopping.

The Christmas season is upon us. For some this is the best time of the year, full of family and friends and good times. For others Christmas may just mean more on an already crowded schedule. For all of us, however, it can be a time to reflect on some deeper spiritual truths that often go unnoticed. How much thought have you given to Jesus?

During this season we will all hear “Jesus is the reason for the season.” Actually, of course, no one knows when Jesus was born. The Bible doesn't say. The Gospel of Luke tells us that shepherds were in the field the night of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:8), indicating it probably didn't happen during one of Israel's cold and rainy winters. The celebration of Christmas is something not actually found in the New Testament but something begun more than three hundred years later when a pagan festival was “converted” into a “Christian” holiday. Sadly, through the years all sorts of practices and traditions have been hung on it that are far outside the worship described in the New Testament, and now Christmas seems to be more about merchandise and retailing than anything else.

Yet it is still a chance to think about Jesus Christ. It is so that He came to this world. In a birth unlike any other God Himself took on flesh and blood and became a human being. Such a thought is incredible. People did come to that manger and worship long ago (Luke 2:8-18).

But what is missing in so much of the

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Christmastime discussion of Jesus is that Jesus didn't stay a baby! Cute and cuddly *baby* Jesus didn't stay a cute and cuddly baby. He grew up! He left His home in Nazareth. He taught people. He healed people. He spoke the most important words of all time. He died for the sins of the world. He rose again. The story of Jesus begins in a manger

but it certainly doesn't end there.

That all gets missed sometimes. There is so much focus on *baby* Jesus that there seems little time to talk of *adult* Jesus. But it is adult Jesus that demands our attention. This is the Jesus who taught us how to live, who challenges us to realize we are sinners, who demands we recognize His Lordship in our lives. Grown up Jesus