

1. When Christmas Began

The Lord Jesus Christ is the most important person in history. The Son of God was born into this world as a human being for a very special purpose.

The first man, Adam, and his wife Eve, had sinned against God by disobeying him and eating fruit from the one tree that God had forbidden. Sin entered the perfect world. Every person is a sinner; deserving God's punishment.

But God had a plan to save his people from sin. From before the beginning of time, God had decided to send his own Son who would be God and man. He would live a perfect life. He would die on a cross to bear the punishment for all the sins of his people.



2. A Saviour Promised

God promised throughout history that he would send a special person to his people – a King who would save them. He was called 'the Messiah'. God's people, the Jews, were expecting the Messiah to be a powerful ruler. Clues about the birth of the Messiah had been given throughout the Scriptures. He would have victory over sin and Satan (Genesis 3:14-15). He would be one of Abraham's descendants (Genesis 18:18). He would come from the family of Jesse, King David's father (Isaiah 11:1). He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).

After many years of waiting, God sent his own Son to be the Saviour of his people.

