

**All iWant For Christmas!  
iWant God To Be Close To Me!  
Matthew 1:18-25 (page 669)**

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Christmas is p r o o f that God came c l o s e to me!

**H o w did God come close to me?**

(Matt 1:23; 1 Tim 3:16; Isa 7:14; 9:6-7)

- By God becoming a h u m a n b e i n g  
(John 1:1-3, 14; 1 John 1:1-3; 4:2-3)
  - *Incarnation*: from Latin words i n and c a r o (*flesh*)

**W h y did God come close to me?**

(Matt 1:20-21; Gal 4:4-5; John 1:14, 17-18; 14:9)

So that:

- I could really s e e what He is l i k e (Heb 1:1-3; John 1:14; 14:9; Mark 9:2-8; 2 Pet 1:16-18; John 1:1-3)
- I could really see my n e e d for H i m (John 3:18-19; 15:22; Eph 2:1-4; Rom 3:9-20; Jas 2:10-11)
- I would see His s a l v a t i o n and l o v e for me  
(Gal 4:5; 1 Tim 1:15; Luke 19:10; Mark 10:44-45)

**W h a t did it c o s t God to come close to me? (Phil 2:1-11)**

- He laid aside His g l o r y (John 3:12-13; 8:56-58; 17:4-5)
- He laid aside His p o w e r (John 19:8-11; Matt 26:52-56; 27:41-44)
- He experienced a horrifying, human d e a t h  
(Isa 52:14; 53:5,10; Ps 22:14-18)

**To Think About....**

God *has come close to you* in the Person of His Son, Jesus, who humbled Himself to die for you...*now the question is*, will you t u r n around and humbly c o m e to Him this Christmas? He is waiting.