

“Christ After Christmas”

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1. Ministry from _____ to _____.

- Endured hardships and temptations (Matt. 4:1-11; 26:36-27:44)
- Sinless (1 Pet. 2:22; Is. 53:9)
- Miracles, healing, teaching, etc. (Matt. 10:1-8)
- Teacher (John 3:2; Matt. 5-7, 23-25; John 13-17)
- Baptized (Matt. 3:15)
- To reveal the Father (Heb. 1:1-4; John 14:7-11)
- Suffered and died (every New Testament book)
- Death by crucifixion (Matt. 27:35; Acts 2:36)
- His death was necessary for our salvation and forgiveness (John 3:14; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:19-22)
- Our substitute and intercession (1 Cor. 15:3; Isa. 53:12)
- His sacrifice was sufficient and complete (1 Pet. 1:18)
- Resurrected bodily (Lk. 24:3,39)
- His resurrection validates our resurrection (Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 15:21-22)
- Eternal with power over death (1 Cor. 15:55)
- He ascended to Heaven (Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9; Heb. 9:23-24)

2. Ministry in the _____.

- Head of the church body (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:27)
- Refuge, fortress, rock, hiding place (Ps. 27, esp. v. 5)
- Sustainer and Provider (Col. 1:13-17; [John 6:35-41](#))
- Judge (Acts 10:42)
- Priest, mediator and sympathizer (Heb. 4:12-16; 5:6; 12:24)
- One to receive worship (Phil. 2:5-11; Rev. 4 and 5)
- King (Ps. 72; Zech. 14:9; John 12:13)
- Savior of the world (Luke 19:10; 1 Tim. 4:10; 1 John 4:14)
- Guardian of souls (1 Pet. 2:25; John 10:28)
- Advocate (Rom. 8:33-34; Heb. 9:24 1 John 2:1)

- Making preparations for saints (John 14:1-3)
- Offering salvation (John 11:26; 1 Thes. 5:9; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- Bestower of gifts (Eph. 4:7-11)
- Intercessor (John 17:20; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25)
- Exercises universal authority (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1; Col. 1)

3. Ministry in the _____.

- He is returning, Second Advent (Acts 1:9-11; 15:16-18; 2 Pet. 3; Jude 1:14-15; Rev. 19:11-16)
- Judgment (Acts 10:42; Rev. 20:11-15)
- Setting up His kingdom on the earth (Rev. 21)
- Eternal Ruler (Zech. 9:10; 1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 12:5)
- Bridegroom (Matt. 25:1-5; Rev. 21)
- Destroyer of Satan (1 John 3:8; Rev. 20:1-10)
- Bring in everlasting righteousness (Jer. 23:5-6; Dan. 9:24)

Discussion Questions:

- What segment of Christ's existence do you think least often about; prior to the incarnation, the incarnation, His life on earth, His ascension, His present ministry, or His second coming and future role? Which do you think of most often?

- Consider the following quote from Sunday's message and then answer why it is such a "big deal" that Christ fulfilled prophecy: "Professors Peter Stoner and Harold Hartzler prepared a mathematical analysis based upon principles of probability and concluded that the odds of someone fulfilling even just 8 of the 61 major Messianic prophecies would be 1 in 10¹⁷ (10 to the 17th power), 1 with 17 zeros behind it. Professor Stoner illustrated that number by taking 10¹⁷ silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. It would be enough silver dollars to cover the state of Texas two feet deep. Think about standing in two feet of silver dollars in an area as big as Texas. Now put a mark on one, blindfold a man, let him walk all over, and tell him he can only pick up one silver dollar. The odd he picks up the right one is the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing 8 prophecies that would all come true in one man."

- After looking through the outline, what other Scripture references and qualities could you add to the three sections?

- How can this list provide you with hope right now?