

**Refuge City Church**  
**Christmas Eve Service 2021 — “This is why!” (John 1:9-16)**  
**December 24, 2021**

**“This is why!”** [John 1:9-14]

“The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God**, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

- **Jesus came to illuminate our life. To bring light into a dark world.**

- **John 8:12**, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
- Jesus said, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”
- This world is full of sin and shame.
- It is His light that exposes that shame and attracts us to the hope of His glory.
  - So when we submit to Him, He then gives us the authority to ‘be light’ to those around us.
  - **Matthew 5:14,16**, “You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

- **Jesus came to transform our lives.**

- **Matthew 9:13**, “...For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”
- As we’re blinded by the darkness, the light of Jesus opens our eyes.
- As we are sick and full of disease by our sin, He acts as our Great Physician and heals our infirmities.
- When we are sick, He brings healing. When we are low, He lifts us up. When we are blind, He gives us sight. When we are deaf, He opens our ears. When we are lame, He calls us to get up and walk. He makes us new!

- **Jesus came to show us the way.**

- **Luke 19:10**, “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
- **John 14:6**, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- Without Christ, we’re lost. Without Jesus, we don’t know where we are.
- We’re lost, wandering without hope, and alone.
- He seeks us out and saves our life, and brings us home.
- **Ezekiel 34:11-12**, “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.”

- There isn't anywhere we can go out of the range of God's salvation.
- **Jesus came to give us life!**
  - **Ezekiel 37:13-14**, "And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, **and you shall live...**"
  - Without Him, we are as good as dead.
  - We are lifeless beings with no purpose, no value.
  - **John 10:10**, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
- If Jesus was never born [Dr. James Kennedy]
  - If Christ had not come, life would be meaningless.
  - If Christ had not come, there would be no forgiveness of sins.
  - If Christ had not come, there would be no hope of eternal life.
  - If Christ had not come, all would be as dark as anything that could be woven from the warp and woof of mystery and death and hopelessness.
- But Jesus was born, and this is why! To reverse the flow of a hopeless world.
  - He gives life meaning.
  - He forgives our sins.
  - He gives us hope.
  - He gives us eternal life.
- Even hundreds and hundreds of years prior to His birth, this was known and recorded.
  - **Isaiah 9:6**, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
  - **Isaiah 61:1-2 [Luke 4:18-19]**, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;"
- This is why He came. This is why He left His glorious throne and took on humanity's form.
  - To bring light into a dark world. To transform our lives. To show us the way. To give us life.