

## **The Mystery of Christmas**

**Text: 1 Timothy 3:16, RSV<sup>1</sup>**

### **Introduction**

There is something special about the birth of a baby. How much more the birth of God's own Son.

### **Proposition**

Christmas emphasizes what God has done for man.

### **Message**

#### **1. The Package.**

- a. The Incarnation — “manifested in the flesh” (compare John 1:14).
- b. The Resurrection — “vindicated in the Spirit” (compare Romans 1:4; 8:11).

#### **2. The Publicity.**

- a. The exaltation — “seen by angels” — worshiped (compare Philippians 2:9–11).  
Instances of angelic observances (at birth, Luke 2:12; at temptation, Mark 1:13; at Gethsemane, Luke 22:43; at Resurrection, Matthew 28:2).
- b. The evangelism — “preached among the nations” (compare Colossians 1:23).

#### **3. The Patrons.**

- a. The acceptance — “believed on in the world” (compare Acts 17:6).
- b. The ascension — “taken up in glory” (compare Acts 1:11; Ephesians 4:10).

### **Conclusion**

At Christmas, Christians should emphasize what God has done for them.

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### **Endnote**

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