

Christmas: The "Sent" One—The Uniqueness of His Person and Work
John 5:16-30
Part 1

Introduction

1. "Christmas: The "Sent" One—The Fulfillment of the Covenant Promise (Malachi 2:17-3:5)"

1. An Elijah figure
2. God (Jesus)

2. "Christmas: The "Sent" One—Proclaiming the Year of Lord's Favour (Is.61:1-2; Luke 4:14-30)"

3. Today I want us to begin considering, "Christmas: The "Sent" One—The Uniqueness of His Person and Work" (Jn.5:16-30)

1. The Person of the Messiah: In a relationship of ultimate and eternal intimacy with the Father (5:16-19)

1. Jesus links Himself to God the Father in a unique sense (Jn.5:17)

1. The Father works on the Sabbath; and I (Jesus) also work on the Sabbath (Jn.5:16-17)

2. Jesus speaks of "my Father" (5:17,19)

3. The Jews themselves concluded, that the distinction made by Jesus was a claim to His being God (Jn.5:18)

4. Note that Jesus never denounced the Jewish assessment of His teaching by telling them that they had misinterpreted His words

2. The regularity with which Jesus makes this unique claim about Himself in Scripture

1. A purposeful distinction drawn between Jesus and humanity (Jn.6:32)

2. While of the same essence as the Father, Jesus is to be distinguished from the Father (Jn.8:19-20; 14:7,9b; 1:1)

3. The Father honours those who love, obey and serve Jesus (Jn. 14:21,23; 12:26)

1. Nature of the commands (Jn.14:21)

2. Biblical directives (Mk.12:29-31)

3. The consequence of loving, serving and obeying Jesus (Jn.14:23)

2. Titles of ultimate significance (Jn.5:19,25,27)

1. The three terms are to be viewed as synonymous (Jn.5:25,26,27)

2. Jesus (the Son, the Son of Man and the Son of God) claims to be able to do what God alone can accomplish (Jn.5:25-27)

1. The Son of God (5:25)

2. The Son (5:26)

3. The Son of Man (5:27)

3. Jesus' claim to be God is consistent with the OT revelation of a plurality within the Godhead (Matt.26:63-66) (Dan.7:13-14 and Ps.110:1)

1. The nature of the Messiah (Matt.26:61-66)

2. What about Jesus' references to the OT passages (Matt.26:64; Dan.7:13-14; Ps.110:1)

1. Daniel 7:13-14

2. A Psalm of David: A Messianic Psalm (Ps.110:1; Acts 2:32-35)

3. Conclusion by the Sanhedrin

3. Persons due ultimate honour (5:22-23)

1. The Son and the Father are to be honoured equally.

2. To honour the Son as we honour the Father; means that we are to worship the Son (Rev.5:6-14)

Conclusion