

SERMON

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Introduction

Good morning, Church! Today, I want to talk to you about two great events: Jesus entering history at Christmas and Jesus entering our lives. These are not just stories from the past or abstract theological ideas; they are realities that speak to us today.

At Christmas, we celebrate a moment when history itself was split in two. The divine entered the human story, and everything changed. But that was not just a one-time event. Jesus enters our personal stories as well—every day, in every moment, if we let Him. So, today we'll reflect on both of these truths: Jesus' entrance into history and how He longs to enter our lives in a meaningful way.

Let's dive into this powerful message, remembering that what happened in Bethlehem centuries ago can happen in our hearts today.

Part 1: Jesus Enters History at Christmas

1. The Word Became Flesh (John 1:14)

Let's begin by reflecting on one of the most profound verses in Scripture, **John 1:14**: "*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.*" This is what Christmas is all about—the incarnation of God. God, who existed from eternity, became one of us. The infinite became finite. The Creator entered into His own creation.

The first Christmas wasn't just the birth of a baby; it was the entrance of God into human history in the most intimate and personal way possible. The God who created the stars, the oceans,

the mountains, and the very fabric of time itself chose to step into our world as a vulnerable child. In that moment, God took on human flesh, not just to experience life as we do, but to transform it forever.

2. Jesus Entered a Broken World

The world Jesus entered was not a perfect one. It was full of sin, brokenness, political oppression, and personal pain—just like our world today. Think about the setting of Jesus’ birth. He was born in a manger, not in a palace. His family was poor. The political climate was harsh, with King Herod seeking to kill Him even as a baby.

Jesus entered history not in power and glory but in humility. This is a message we need to hear: Jesus does not wait for our lives to be perfect before He steps in. He enters our mess, our struggles, and our brokenness. He meets us where we are, and that began with His own humble birth in Bethlehem.

3. The Significance of the Incarnation

Why is the incarnation so significant? Because it reveals God’s deep love for us. God did not send an angel or simply issue a command from heaven; He came Himself. He didn’t send a distant message of salvation—He *became* the message. He stepped into our humanity to show us that He understands us, loves us, and has a plan to redeem us.

In **Philippians 2:6-8**, Paul writes that Jesus “*made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*”

This humility and sacrifice began not just at the cross but at Christmas, when the eternal Son of God entered time and space.

Part 2: Jesus Enters Our Lives

1. Jesus Knocks at the Door (Revelation 3:20)

Just as Jesus entered history, He wants to enter our lives. In **Revelation 3:20**, Jesus says, “*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*” This verse beautifully captures how Jesus longs for a relationship with each one of us. He knocks at the door of our hearts, but it’s up to us to open that door and let Him in.

Christmas is not just about remembering what happened 2,000 years ago; it’s about experiencing Christ here and now. It’s about inviting Him into our lives, into our hearts, into our joys, and into our struggles.

2. Jesus Enters Our Brokenness

Just as Jesus entered a broken world at His birth, He wants to enter the broken places of our lives. The same Jesus who was born in a humble stable comes to us in our weakest moments. He doesn’t require that we clean up our mess before we invite Him in. He steps right into our pain, our sin, and our confusion.

Many of us struggle with the idea that we’re not “good enough” for Jesus. But that’s the beauty of the Gospel: He came for the broken, the lost, the hurting. **Matthew 11:28** says, “*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*” Jesus doesn’t come to those who think they have it all together; He comes to those who know they need Him.

3. Jesus Changes Everything

When Jesus enters our lives, everything changes. Think of the people who encountered Jesus during His ministry. The blind received sight, the lame walked, the sinners found forgiveness, and

the broken found hope. He didn't just touch the surface of their lives; He transformed them from the inside out.

The same is true for us today. When we invite Jesus into our hearts, He brings transformation. He brings hope in the midst of despair, peace in the middle of chaos, and joy in the face of sorrow. He doesn't promise a life free from challenges, but He promises His presence with us in the challenges. And His presence changes everything.

4. The Daily Invitation

Jesus' desire to enter our lives is not just a one-time event, but a daily invitation. Every day, He invites us to walk with Him, to trust Him, to allow Him to shape us into His likeness. The question is: Are we willing to open the door? Are we willing to let Him into every part of our lives?

It's easy to invite Jesus into certain areas—the areas that are neat and presentable. But Jesus wants access to the messy parts, too. He wants to enter our worries, our fears, our doubts, our relationships, and our plans. He wants to be Lord over all.

Conclusion: The Gift of His Presence

As we reflect on Christmas, we are reminded of two powerful truths: Jesus entered history, and He wants to enter our lives. Christmas is about God coming to us, not waiting for us to come to Him. And in the same way, He is waiting today to come into your heart and my heart.

So as we approach this Christmas season, let's not just celebrate an event that happened long ago. Let's open our hearts anew to the living Christ who stands at the door and knocks. Let's invite Him

into our lives, into our brokenness, into our celebrations, and into our struggles.

May this Christmas be more than a tradition or a holiday for you. May it be a time when Jesus enters your life in a fresh and powerful way. Because when Jesus enters, everything changes.

Let us pray.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, into the world. Thank You that He entered our history to bring hope, salvation, and transformation. We ask that You would help us open our hearts fully to Him. Let this Christmas be a time when we invite Jesus into every part of our lives, trusting Him with all that we are. In Jesus' name, Amen.