

“Merry CHRISTmas, Happy HOLYdays, & SAVIOR’s Greetings”

#1: Merry CHRISTmas” (Luke 2:10-11)

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The angels announced: Christ, the Lord.

- But our culture is trying to remove Christ from Christmas.
- What does “Christ-mas” mean?
 - Mass < Latin *misso* = “dismissal” of a worship service.
(*Ite missa est* = “Go, you are dismissed”)
 - Christmas = the worship service on December 25.
- What does “Christ” mean?

A Brief History of Christ:

1. Christ = Anointed One. (*chriein* = to spread, anoint)

- The Anointed One is the king. (1 Samuel 16:1, 13)
- *Massiah* - Hebrew (Daniel 9:25, 26) (*Messiah* - English)
- *Christos* - Greek. (1 Cor 15:3) (*Christ* - English)

2. The rise and fall of the Anointed One in Israel.

- In the Exodus, Yahweh is the only King! (1 Sam 8:7)
- “We want a King - like the other nations.”
(Deut 17:14; 1 Sam 8:5)
- But the kings failed ⇒ Israel divided and destroyed.

3. The promise of a new Anointed One.

- A new ruler will come. (Gen 49:10-11; Dan 7:13-27)
- The question: Who is coming?
 - 1) Yahweh - God Himself. (Zech 2:10-12, pg 658)
 - 2) A final, human king (Zech 9:9-10, pg 661)

4. The Amazing Solution: A God/human king!

- God Himself will come and be our king - Ish 7:14
- Jesus was announced as the God-Human Christ - Lk 2:11

*“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord.”*

5. When we say Christ, we are saying: Jesus is our King!