

The Whole Christmas Story

“The Story Behind The Story”

I Peter 1:18-21; Philippians 2:5-11

For Christians, Christmas time marks the celebration of our Savior’s birth. The story of Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus never gets old; it brings joy to our hearts every time we hear it. What many people don’t realize is that *The Whole Christmas Story* began, not in Bethlehem, but *in Eternity*. This morning we’re going to look back at “The Story Behind the Story”.

Before the world was created

- Jesus existed - John 1:1-3, 14; Genesis 1:1, 26; Colossians 1;15-17; 2:9
- God planned our Salvation - I Peter 1:18-21; Ephesians 1:4-6; Titus 1:1-3

What that all meant for Jesus:

- Giving up Heaven - Philippians 2:5-6; 2 Corinthians 8:9; John 17:5
- Taking on humanity - John 1:14; Philippians 2:7; The Gospels
- Becoming obedient unto death - Philippians 2:8; Matthew 20:28

What it means to us:

- God must really love us! - John 3:16; 1 John 3:1; 4:9-10
- We have hope! - Mark 16:15-16; Titus 2:11-14; 1 John 5:13