

TALK IT OVER

Christmas Revealed

BOTTOM LINE

Make your decision around reality, not perception.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?
What do you think?
What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: <u>newpointeorg/daily</u>
- Jesus came for someone like you, by Craig Groeschel (3.56 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 NIV

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known, showing us what God is like. John 1:18 NIV

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John 1:14 NLT

"Perception is a powerful thing—it can keep us from stepping into experiences and relationships."

"The volume and agreement of eyewitnesses tell us that if you reject the Christ of Christmas, you are rejecting reality, not a perception."

"You will never be able to handle the truth unless you experience grace."

- Dwight Mason

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Tell about an experience of your perception of a person turning out to be false. How was your perception created? How did it change? How do we know the Christmas story from start to finish is reality? John is a perfect witness to the reality of Jesus. Why? John 20:31 explains John's reason for writing. He says he didn't come close to writing what he could have written about Jesus, but carefully chose from thousands of the things he believed would lead you to believe in Jesus and "find life in His name." Of the truth you have learned about Jesus, what is most compelling to you? "God is all-powerful, all-loving, and all-forgiving." Which is most difficult for you to receive and believe for yourself? Why is it vital to know that Jesus was both fully God and fully man? From the very first Christmas, there have been only two options about Jesus: You reject Him or you receive Him. Neutrality is impossible. Do you find that a "hard saying"? Why or why not?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

The story of Christmas is more than a stor	,
receive Jesus as my King to follow Him forever. This year I will pray	
consistently for	_ to receive and follow Him.
My Action Step:	

