



Mystery (1 Timothy 3:16) – Incarnation
December 1, 2024

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Preached among the Gentiles,
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1 Timothy 3:16 NKJV

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, **1 Corinthians 2:7 NKJV**

the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. **Colossians 1:26 NKJV**

In the Bible, a “mystery” is God’s Truth that was hidden & is revealed in Scripture

Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! **Luke 24:25 NKJV**

Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”
Luke 24:26 NKJV

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. **Luke 24:27 NKJV**

Christmas revealed the mystery of God

God revealed to Satan

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed...
Genesis 3:15 NKJV

God revealed to Abraham

...And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. **Genesis 12:3 NKJV**

God revealed to Moses to Israel

The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst...
Deuteronomy 18:15 NKJV

God revealed to David

...Your throne shall be established forever. **2 Samuel 7:16 NKJV**

God revealed to David (again)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? **Psalms 22:1 NKJV**

God revealed to Isaiah

But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed. **Isaiah 53:5 NKJV**

The mystery God has been revealing is Jesus

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14 NKJV**
Matthew 3:17

Luke 2:14

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. **Acts 13:46 NKJV**

For so the Lord has commanded us:
'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles,
That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.' "
Acts 13:47 NKJV

Romans 1:8

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **Acts 1:9 NKJV**

***mystērion* – a secret which would remain such but for revelation**

The Spirit reveals the mystery through us

God calls us to reveal the “mysteries” of God’s Truth to people

This week’s [OWNit365 Whole Bible Plan](#):

December 2 – Hos 1-2 & Heb 13 - James 1
December 3 - Hos 3-5 & James 2-3
December 4 – Hos 6-8 & James 4-5
December 5 – Hos 9-11 & 1 Peter 1-2
December 6 – Hos 12-14 & 1 Peter 3
December 7 – Joel 1-2 & 1 Peter 4-5
December 8 - Reflection & Prayer

December 1

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NURSERY

JESUS CAME AS A BABY

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



In this series, we learn about the Christmas story, and Jesus coming as a baby!

Memory Verse: “Jesus was born.” Luke 2:6 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: The Shepherds Came To Visit

Parent Connect: Pull out your family nativity or a kid’s nativity and look at the shepherds and sheep together. Ask, “**What did the angel tell the shepherds?**” (Baby Jesus was born.) “**What did the shepherds do?**” (They went to visit Him.)

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JESUS IS BORN

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



This series will go through the birth of Jesus, starting with an angel bringing good news to Mary and Joseph. Then, wrapping up with Jesus being dedicated at the temple. What a wonderful series to celebrate our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Memory Verse: “And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

Heart of the Lesson: An Angel Appears | Luke 1, Matthew 1

Parent Connect: Today we learned about how an angel appeared to Mary to tell her the good news...that she will have a baby named Jesus who will be the savior of the world! Use the craft from today, a song book, and sing songs together celebrating the good news of Jesus!

ELEMENTARY

GOD OF WOW!

GOD’S GLORY



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Heart of the Lesson: God is the God of Wow! | Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2;4-5a; Luke 2:1-7

Parent Connect: Talk with your kid about the word “glory”. How does God show his glory, or his WOW, in the world around you?

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

INCARNATION



Incarnation is a big word – it is the idea that Jesus came to earth a human but was also God with us! This series, we’re looking at what Jesus’ incarnation and time on earth means for us as His followers. We can learn more about the gift of Christmas by looking at what Jesus revealed about God through His time on earth!

Memory Verse: The Word became a human being. He made his home with us. We have seen his glory. It is the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father. And the Word was full of grace and truth. (John 1:15)

Heart of the Lesson: Christmas revealed the MYSTERY of God (Colossians 1:26-27, Luke 24:25-27, 1 Timothy 3:16, & Acts 13:46-47)

Parent Connect:

- What did we learn about today that Christmas reveals?
- What is the “mystery” of God’s plan to save us?
- What should we do as a response to God’s mystery being revealed to us?
- Who can you help reveal the “mystery” of Jesus to this week?