♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, December 25, 2011

"THE MIRACLE OF THE MESSAGE"

(Hebrews 1:1-2)

On this Christmas Sunday morning we celebrate the Good News that Christ has come. Why is it so important that Christ came?

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"Don't you know me, Phillip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9 NIV).

"I and the Father are one" (John 14:9, NIV).

1. We needed someone to succeed where Adam had failed.

"Yes, Adam's one sin brought condemnation upon everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness makes all people right in God's sight and gives them life" (Romans 5:18, NLT).

2. We needed a substitute sacrifice.

"It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4, NIV).

"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:21, NLT).

3. We needed someone who could sympathize with us.

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin" (Hebrews 4:15, NIV).

4. We needed an example to follow.

"Be holy because I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16, NIV).

"Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did" (1 John. 2:6, NLT).