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**The Birth of Jesus Christ was On this wise** (this is how it happened.)

**Matthew 1: 18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

**For This Reason: the battle is not yours.** The battle belongs to God. (We are the reason Jesus was born.)

**2 Chronicles 20:15** And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for **the battle is not yours,** but God's.

We are in the world and cannot be isolated from sin. However we can be insulated from temptation if we choose to be. Jesus is the reason we can overcome temptation. He fills us with His Spirit and insulates our desires from worldly things, which are: the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. Any one of these can penetrate His insulation if we let our eyes or flesh or pride rule. The key is to have a love for the one who came on this wise and for this reason. Don't try to be isolated. Be insulated with love for Him. Keep your mind on Him.

This world is seeking pleasure to satisfy a deep need for God. God made man with a need to love Him. When man tries to satisfy this need with the desires of the flesh instead of the need of his spirit he is left wanting. The two are opposites and man lives in conflict. Jesus came to settle this conflict.

The birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise and for this reason. Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Until the individual see this and corrects it in his life the world will go on in pleasure and conflict. Pleasure will never satisfy man's need for God. God made man that way. Man was made to love God and praise Him through out eternity. He has another place for the disobedient, which includes Satan. Man can isolate himself from God and argue this point all he wants but the end is determined.

Many people around the world have it put together right. "**On this wise and for this reason**" is found in Luke. Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

This was the beginning of the Apostolic cutting edge. Jesus led them for His last time to the Mount of Olives and ascended into heaven. An angel kick-started them with "Why stand ye here?" Thus the Apostolic Cutting Edge began.

Jesus came on this wise and for this reason: that men, such as Peter, could preach Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**Acts 2:37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

**38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Jesus came on this wise and for this reason. We are the one for whom Christ was born. **Merry Christmas!**