“Jesus Is the Reason for the Season”

6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because

there was no guest room available for them.

(Luke 2:6-7 NIV)

**1) Jesus Fulfilled What the Prophets Declared in the Old Testament**

 Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

 “And I will put enmity [Hostility] Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." (NKJV)

 Luke 2:7 (NIV)

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**2) We have Access to the Father Through Jesus Christ**

 John 14:6-7 (NKJV)

 6 "…I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

 Matthew 6:6-9

 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

 7 "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

 8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

 9 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

**3) Jesus Christ Came to Identify with Our Weaknesses**

 Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

 “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

 Hebrews 2:17

 “Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation [atonement] for the sins of the people.”

**4) Jesus Came Down to Earth so We Could Go Up to Heaven**

 John 14:3 (NKJV)

 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

 **What did you do with my Son Jesus Christ?**

 **What did you do with what you were given?**

 Psalms 33:14-15 (The Message)

 “From where he sits God overlooks all of us on earth. He has shaped each person in turn; now he watches everything we do.”

Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)

 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.”