The story of Christmas begins with the beginning of the work of the Son of God. And His first work is recorded in Genesis chapter 1. The story of His love for us that led Him to give up the glory, beauty and perfection of heaven to come to our dirty, dusty, pain-filled world begins not in Bethlehem, or in the Old Testament prophets. We must go to the beginning of His story lest His birth become simply the beginning of another story of a tragic and misunderstood life.

The cross of Golgotha stands firmly planted in Genesis chapter 1. Even before the creation, Christ's pain and suffering on that coarse structure was anticipated. Ephesians 1:4 reveals that even before the foundation of the world God's plan of salvation was already in place.

Even the coarse Roman soldiers knew that His robe could not be cut into pieces without destroying it. Likewise, the Bible is one complete piece – woven of one thread. Cutting out anything leaves the whole thing to unravel. To remove the beginning of the story of the Word and His work in Genesis is to remove the foundation on which His work of salvation stands.

Yes, the Christmas story is far more than the story of the birth of an important baby. It is the center of the story of creation itself!

Prayer: Lord, when I was lost in sin, You sought me out with a plan devised before the world was made. Help me to love others as You have loved me. Amen.


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