

If Jesus Had Not Been Born

One of my favorite movies of the Christmas season is “It’s A Wonderful Life” starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed.

The story involves a character named George Bailey who is never really able to live his life the way he wanted to. Eventually, after getting in trouble through no fault of his own, he declares that maybe life would have been better for everyone if he’s never been born. Most of the rest of the movie goes on to prove how different everyone’s life would have been had they not known George Bailey. It was amazing to see how much he had influenced others.

In the last few weeks, a number of people on the radio have been asking the question “What if Jesus had not been born?” His was a much more important life than that of George Bailey, and the result of His never having been born would have devastating results. This is an article based on the sermon I intend to preach on Sunday. I hope you’ll be in attendance.

If Jesus had not been born:

1. All of the prophecies in the Old Testament concerning the coming of the Messiah are a pack of lies. From Genesis to Malachi, every Old Testament book contains a reference to the coming of Jesus, the Christ.
2. There would be no New Testament—no new contract between God and man that would result in man’s redemption. The Bible would end in **Malachi 4:6** with a curse: “I will come and strike the land with a curse” instead of ending with **Revelation 22:21** and a blessing: “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people.”
3. We wouldn’t be able to see God or truly know what He expects of us. Jesus came to “show us the Father.” He is “the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being.” (**Hebrews 1:3**) and He was the word of God made flesh. (**John 1:14**)
4. No acceptable sacrifice would have been made to take our sin away. Animal sacrifices could not redeem us. It took the precious blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. (**Hebrews 9:22, I Peter 1:18-19**)
5. We would still be in sin and have no hope of eternal life. As strange as it may sound, without Jesus’ birth, we could not have Jesus’ death. Without His death, He could not have been raised. And without the resurrection, we are still in sin and destined for punishment. (**I Corinthians 15:17**)

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But Jesus did come. **I Timothy 3:16**:

“He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15) --

- Johnny Stephens