



# *A Better Story*

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There is no denying, humans have been spiritual creatures from the start. Each society has had its different method of ensuring the gods would look down kindly upon them, whether it be with hopes that the weather be cooperative to ensure the harvest was fruitful, that the hunt be successful, or that they would win the battle against their adversaries. And yes, that their loved ones or leaders would join the gods after death.

Some of their methods of communing with the gods, as the Aztecs, we will not detail here. In fact, throughout history, sadly, various religions have been infiltrated with, to say the least, a lack of love.

As time passed, some religions, of course, did worship one God, such as Judaism and Islam. But it wasn't until just over two thousand years ago that the birth of Jesus started to put a different face on religion. What we now embrace as the start of a BETTER STORY.

As Jesus grew, He taught that the way to worship God was to embrace your fellow man through goodness and love. He turned over the tables of the money lenders in the temples and loved those who were supposed to be His enemies. To the Romans, who worshipped multiple gods, and even revered some of their leaders as gods, Jesus was considered to be the enemy. Consequently, Jesus died, but His Word did not. His sacrifice continued the BETTER STORY that has prevailed throughout the ages until today. Without Him, we would not be here worshipping together in our Church today, with love in His name. As we worship, we know we are carrying on the teachings of what our Lord started so long ago, and we do so with joy in our hearts, knowing it is the better story. Thank you, God, for giving us your Son, Jesus. Christmas, a time of His birth, we, His people, are ready to celebrate.