

Romans 1:3-4; 3:24-26, THREE WORLD-HISTORICAL EVENTS: A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

THE POINT: The incarnation of the Son of God was undertaken with a view to the justification of sinful humans and the vindication of God's moral character through his death.

Preliminary: Romans 1:1-2:

(1) The Gospel is God's, 1

(2) The Gospel was promised in the OT, 2

I. **Incarnation: God demonstrated His compassion, Romans 1:3-4**

1. *The Eternal Relation: Son of God, 3a*

2. *The Christmas Event: The Son of God was given flesh on earth from the seed of David, 3b*

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II. **Resurrection and Exaltation: God demonstrated His power, Romans 1:4**

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III. **Propitiation: God demonstrated His justice, Romans 3:24-26**

1. *The justification of sinful humans arises from the redemption accomplished through Messiah Jesus, 24.*

2. *Redemption was achieved through Jesus' death as a propitiation, the bearer of God's just wrath against human sin, 25a*

3. *Jesus' death as wrath-bearer vindicated God's righteousness or justice, 25b-26a*

4. *Jesus' death as wrath-bearer vindicated God's moral character as absolutely just, 26b*

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