



“Who Really Stole Christmas?”

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Isaiah 9: 2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

*They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
As people exult when dividing plunder.*

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,

The rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the trampling warriors

And all the garments rolled in blood

Shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

***⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

For the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness

From this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord will do this.



Colossians 2:2-10

²My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine sounding arguments. ⁵For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.



John 1:1-5, 14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.

³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



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