

THEME:      **The Night was Holy Because Jesus is Holy!**

MAIN POINTS:

- I.      **Jesus is unlike sinful humanity - (Romans 3:9-19)**
  - II.     **Jesus is God who became flesh - (John 1:1-5, 14)**
  - III.    **Jesus is the fullness of Deity - (Colossians 1:15-20)**
  - IV.    **Jesus is holy like the Father - (Revelation 4:8-11)**
  - V.     **Jesus is worshipped in Heaven - (Revelation 5:8-14)**
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- I.      **Jesus is unlike sinful humanity - (Romans 3:9-19)**
  - A. Mere humans are sinful and never holy apart from grace.
    - O Holy Night! - *"Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth"*
  - B. It's was 'O Holy Night!' because sinless God was born for you!
    - O Holy Night! - *"Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand."*
  - C. Jesus was born that sinful humanity might have everlasting life.
    - O Holy Night! - *"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn."*
  
- II.     **Jesus is God who became flesh - (John 1:1-5, 14)**
  - A. The Christmas story has its beginning in eternity past.
  - B. Jesus is Creator God from which all things came into being.
  - C. Jesus is the incarnate God in flesh and blood.
    - O Holy Night! - *"It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth"*
    - O Holy Night! - *"O night when Christ was born"*
  
- III.    **Jesus is the fullness of Deity - (Colossians 1:15-20)**
  - A. When the shepherds saw baby Jesus they saw the image of the invisible God.
  - B. Jesus has first place in everything.
  - C. Jesus is our reconciliation to the Father.
    - O Holy Night! - *"The Kings of Kings lay thus in lowly manger; In all our trials born to be our friend."*
  
- IV.    **Jesus is holy like the Father - (Revelation 4:8-11)**
  - A. The Godhead is "Holy, holy, holy"
  - B. God's holiness spans all of time (past, present, and future).
  - C. All creatures worship God and Him alone.

**V. Jesus is worshipped in Heaven - (Revelation 5:8-14)**

- A. Jesus is holy and worthy of our highest form of praise.
  - O Holy Night! - *"Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name."*
- B. Like the Father in Revelation 4, Jesus is worshipped in Revelation 5.
  - O Holy Night! - *"Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!"*
- C. All creatures worship Jesus (just like the Father).
  - O Holy Night! - *"Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!"*

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POINTS OF CONSIDERATION

1. God is holy and Jesus is God, therefore Jesus is eternally holy.
2. To be holy means that Jesus wasn't sinful humanity like us, but rather God in the flesh and separate from all evil.
3. Because we break God's laws every day and are utterly sinful, we need His compassionate grace or we'll end up in Hell forever.
4. God requires absolute perfection and total holiness from His people, which is why Jesus was born on our behalf.
5. Jesus lived a perfect life of righteousness, holiness, and never sinned.
6. When Jesus died on the cross, He took God's wrath for our sin upon Himself.
7. God raised Jesus from the dead, which proved that Jesus was successful in paying the penalty for our sin.
8. You **MUST** repent of your sins and believe in Jesus in order to be saved.
9. When you believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, God gives you His grace and removes all of your sin (past, present, and future).
10. God then transfers the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ to your account, so that He not only sees you as sinless but also as **HOLY**.

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Discussion Questions:

- A) What is your favorite Christmas Carol, and why?
- B) Discuss why it is important that God is holy and that He requires holiness for entrance into heaven.
- C) Discuss how Jesus is fully God and fully Man, yet without sin.
- D) Discuss what the gospel is and why the gospel requires that Jesus be divine.
- E) Discuss what you can do this Christmas season to spread the love of Jesus Christ with those around you.