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12/09/10 - The Cradle and the Cross

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Colossians 2:6-23

The excitement and spirit of advent is everywhere. Elaborate decorations with bright and colorful lights transform our streets, shops, and homes. They proclaim a magnificent celebration of life. All over the world, without a word spoken or carol sung, the festive decorations declare, "God has come to be with us."

Yet in the midst of the cradle celebration, there is the dark shadow of the cross. When Christ, the head of every power and authority, became fully human and died on the cross, it appeared he had been defeated. But God raised Christ Jesus from the dead.

In celebrating the birth of Jesus, let us also celebrate God's power that raised Christ as victor over sin, death, and the grave. When we were dead in our sins, God, through the cross, gave us new life. Celebrate the triumphant cross at Christmas.

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