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GOD BEFORE US

Introduction: There has always been a “Christmas War”. That war is focused on the reality of who Jesus is and what He did. The answer is the dividing point of humanity. “Who is Jesus?” is the theme of John’s gospel and he tells us, “The people were divided because of Jesus.” (John 7:43)

John 1:1-3

I. BEFORE HIS _____

1. Every person has a beginning point

◆ _____

◆ _____

2. No _____ for Jesus

“The other gospels begin with Bethlehem. John begins with the bosom of the Father.” (Alexander McClaren)

II. BEFORE THE _____

1. Prophets _____ his birth

2. Jesus was already _____ when the prophets predicted

Dan. 3:25 - *“Jesus is the fourth man walking in the fiery furnace with three Hebrews.”*

III. BEFORE _____ - THE _____

1. Jews boasted of David as their _____ king

2. _____ that Jesus was a direct descendent

3. Jesus was _____ over David - Matt 22:41-45

IV. BEFORE _____ - THE _____

1. Jews boasted that they were _____ of Moses—Jn 9:28

2. Jesus -

◆ _____ the law

◆ _____ the law

◆ _____ over the law

V. BEFORE _____ - _____ OF THE JEWS

Jn 8:57-58 - *“You are not yet 50 years old, the Jews said to Him, and you have seen Abraham! I tell you the truth Jesus answered, before Abraham was born, I am!”*

1. _____ name

2. Awesome, mysterious name of God

VI. BEFORE _____ - FATHER OF _____

VII. BEFORE _____

Jn 1:1 - *“In the beginning was the Word:*

“When the beginning began - the Word was already there.”

Rev. 22:13 - *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”*

Conclusion: Christmas is about the one who is _____ and _____ of _____.