

# **1 Timothy 3:14-16 “A Christmas Hymn”**

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### **The Good and Bad News at Christmas**

#### **1st Century Hymn**

- A Song About the Gospel and The Incarnation
- V16 Celebrated From the Beginning
- Christmas and Pagan Origins

#### **1 Tim Written in 64 ad**

- Without Controversy a Great Mystery
- Theology and Emotion

#### **A Mystery That Takes Your Breath Away**

- Creation and Jerusalem
- Eph 5:32 The Mystery of Marriage and Children

#### **The Grand-daddy of All Mysteries**

- God Revealed in a Body
- This Changes Everything

#### **Why Did God Become a Man?**

##### **1. To Reveal God to Man**

- Sin, Separation and Spiritual Darkness
- God’s Self Disclosure Jn 14:9

##### **Jn 1:9 Jesus the True Light**

- Exposing Our Need
- Illuminating God’s Solution

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##### **2. To Relate to Us**

- Divine Genius: Fully God, Fully Man

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- A Baby Lowers Our Defenses

## **Heb 4:15 Jesus has Walked in Our Shoes**

- Knows and Understands Us
- Heartache Jn 11:35

## **Why Did God Become a Man?**

### **3. To Reconcile Us**

- Jesus’ Purpose “God is Salvation” 2 Cor 5:19
- The Story of the Bible: Down and Up

## **2 Cor 5:21 He Became Sin**

- God Came to a Dirty Earth

## **Christmas and Jesus**

Worship at Christmas

Giving at Christmas

The Greatest Christmas Gift