One of the things I love about Christmas is hearing the Christmas story. You have the young virgin and her beloved espoused husband, the lowly shepherds, and the awesome angels.

We see these characters in manger scenes and it’s always a good reminder of the humility of Jesus’ surroundings at the time and the awesomeness of the celebration of heaven’s angel armies at the birth of King Jesus.

But I also love something about Christmas that can’t possibly be captured in any manger scene - the truth that Jesus was God incarnate.

**John 1:14 CSB**
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The world is always waiting for two things...

**1. Truth - can we really know God?**

Is there any such thing as truth? Is there a God? Is there anything I can really count on beyond what I can see and taste and touch?

Yes! And Jesus, by his birth, his miraculous ministry, his death on the cross and his resurrection, proved that the God of truth exists.

Jesus was full of truth!

However... once we understand that there is a God, and that he is all-powerful, holy, transcendent, and righteous, then we’re faced with another question...
2. Grace - can we be saved from our sin?

Once you really know whom God is, the next question you are bound to ask is...

Is it possible, in light of his holiness and power, to be saved from his wrath toward my rebellion and disobedience?

And again, the answer we see in Jesus is, YES! He came, full of grace. He came to offer mercy and salvation and redemption to sinners.

I need concrete realities. I need a God who is real. I need rules and structure and order. It’s something my soul craves.

But when I know the rules, I break them. When I have the God of reality and structure, I find him impossible to please in my sinful flesh.

So I need deliverance, and Jesus offers it!