

John 1:1-18

Christmas According to John: Jesus is Not Just Another Preacher
Or Prophet-He is the Incarnation of God in Human Form

Two Weeks Ago: Christmas According to Luke

Events the Evening of the Birth of Jesus

Last Week: Christmas According to Matthew

Events about a Year After the Birth of Jesus

This Morning: Christmas According to John

Truths That Directly Relate to the Birth of Jesus

The Context of John 1:1-18



John 1:1-18 is the Prologue-the organized introduction to the Gospel of John

The Content of John 1:1-18

Rather than starting with the Virgin Conception (Luke) or the Virgin Birth (Matthew), the Gospel of John begins BEFORE the beginning of our time/space universe. Both Luke (the physical genealogy of our Lord through Mary) and Matthew (the legal genealogy of our Lord through Joseph) begin with genealogies. John “trumps” that by revealing the truth that Jesus as the Second Person of the Trinity was the Active Agent of physical creation....even as He is the Active Agent of spiritual creation/salvation.

These eighteen verses contain some of the deepest truth about the Person of Jesus Christ contained anywhere in the Word of God. Yet at the same time it uses some of the simplest vocabulary and grammar anywhere in the New Testament! Beyond this obvious simplicity however is an intricate structure known as a chiasm (a form of inverted parallelism that moves toward and then away from a central thought).

The Chiasmus of John 1:1–18⁵⁰

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Just for fun (and it is possible that I may define “fun” differently than some of you) just this once let's match up the parallel units of this passage as we walk through its meaning and its implications to human beings of every color, country and culture.

The WORD's Co-Equal Relationship with God the Father (1:1-2 and 1:18)

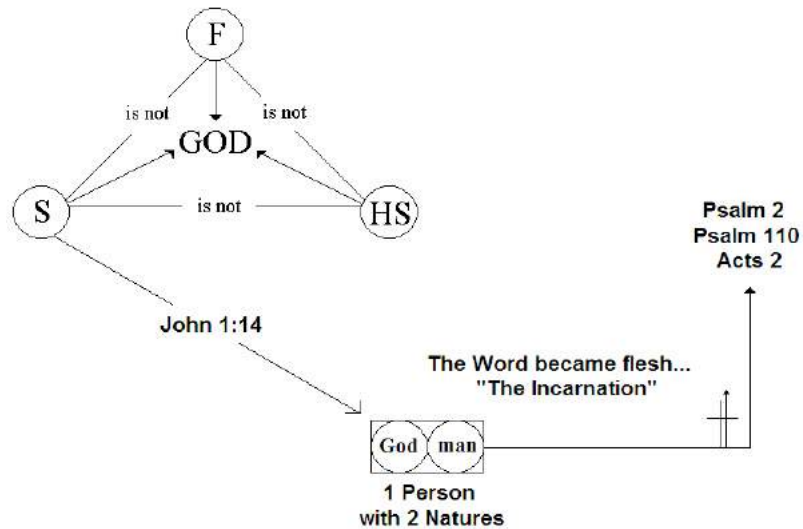
The WORD and Creation: Physical and Spiritual (1:3 and 1:17)

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The WORD Identified by John the Baptizing Jewish Prophet (1:6-8 and 1:15)

The WORD's Incarnation in This World (1:9-11 and 1:14)

The WORD is the Savior-the Sole Object of Saving Faith (1:12-13)



Take This To Heart

**The Real “Real Meaning of Christmas” is the Truth/the Reality
The Baby in the Manger Was/Is the God-Man-Savior**

1: He was/is the God-Man ONE Person w/TWO Natures (True Humanity/True Deity)

Not Two Persons in One Body (Nestorianism)

Not a Blend: a Little Bit Deity and a Little Bit Humanity (Eutychianism)

Not God Who Looked Like a Human Being (Docetism)

Not a Being Who Was Amazingly Like God (Arianism)

2: He was/is the Savior = sinners who trust in Him for salvation are saved

Believing in Him () is ART: active receptive trust in the sufficiency of Jesus to save us as we are convicted of our sin (it is our fault/we deserve God’s judgment), righteousness (we need it but can not produce it by our good works/religion) and judgment (we will receive a one/One personal reckoning with God....we can stand before Him “in Christ” or “in ourselves.” Bottom Line: because of the Savior described in John 1:1-18 no person is so bad they can’t receive the gift of salvation by grace through faith in Christ and no person is so good they don’t need to receive the gift of salvation by grace through faith in Christ.

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**Jesus is Not Just a Preacher/Prophet-He is the Incarnation of God in Human Form
THE Issue and THE Issuer of Eternal Life to All Who Believe in Him**

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Christmas According to Luke

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GOD WITH US



Christmas According To Matthew



Luke 2

The Night of the Birth

1: Incarnation in a Manger

2: Heavenly Signal to
Humble Shepherds

Matthew 2

After the Birth

1: Babylonian Big-Shots

Come in Devotion

2: King Herod Plots

To Destroy Baby Jesus

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July 17, 2016

**Montrell
Jackson,
BRPD**

**Matthew
Gerald,
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**Brad
Garafola,
EBRSO**



Ron M/Brad Mc

2nd Hour Adult Sharing
in Elders Groups-if you
have not yet been placed
in an E-Group please sit
in any of them today

Homer C/Dale C

David D

Christmas Comedy

Where did the sheep in Bethlehem get their hair cut?

...at the Baa Baa Shop!

What do monkeys sing at Christmas time?

...Jungle Bells!

What did the bald man say sadly when he got a comb for Christmas?

...I will never part with this!?!

Christmas Comedy

What do you get you cross an apple and a Christmas tree?

...a pineapple!

What makes this noise? “Ho! Ho! Swoosh, Ho! Ho! Swoosh....”

...Santa Claus when he hits a three point shot!

What’s the best thing a boy can give his parents at Christmastime?

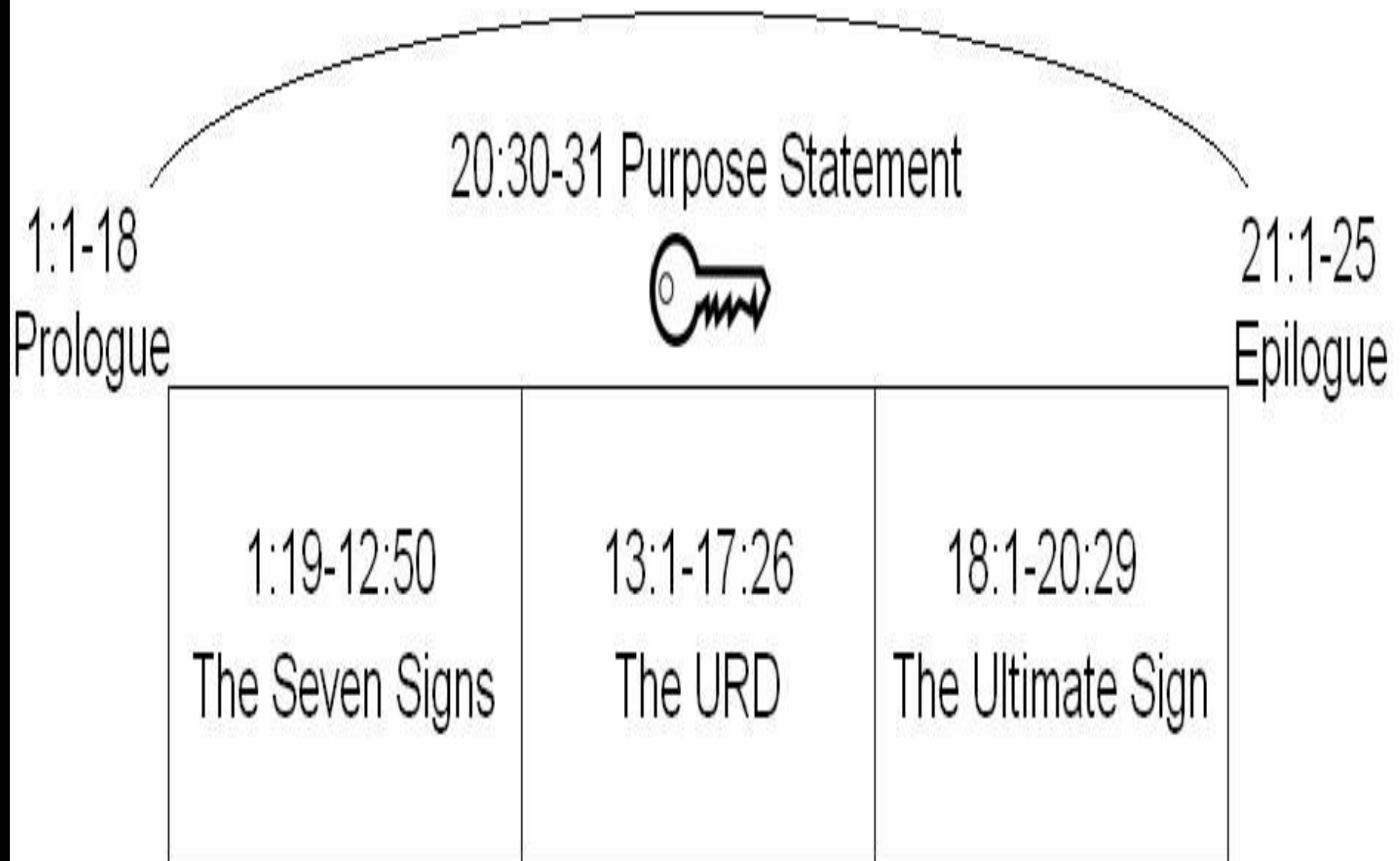
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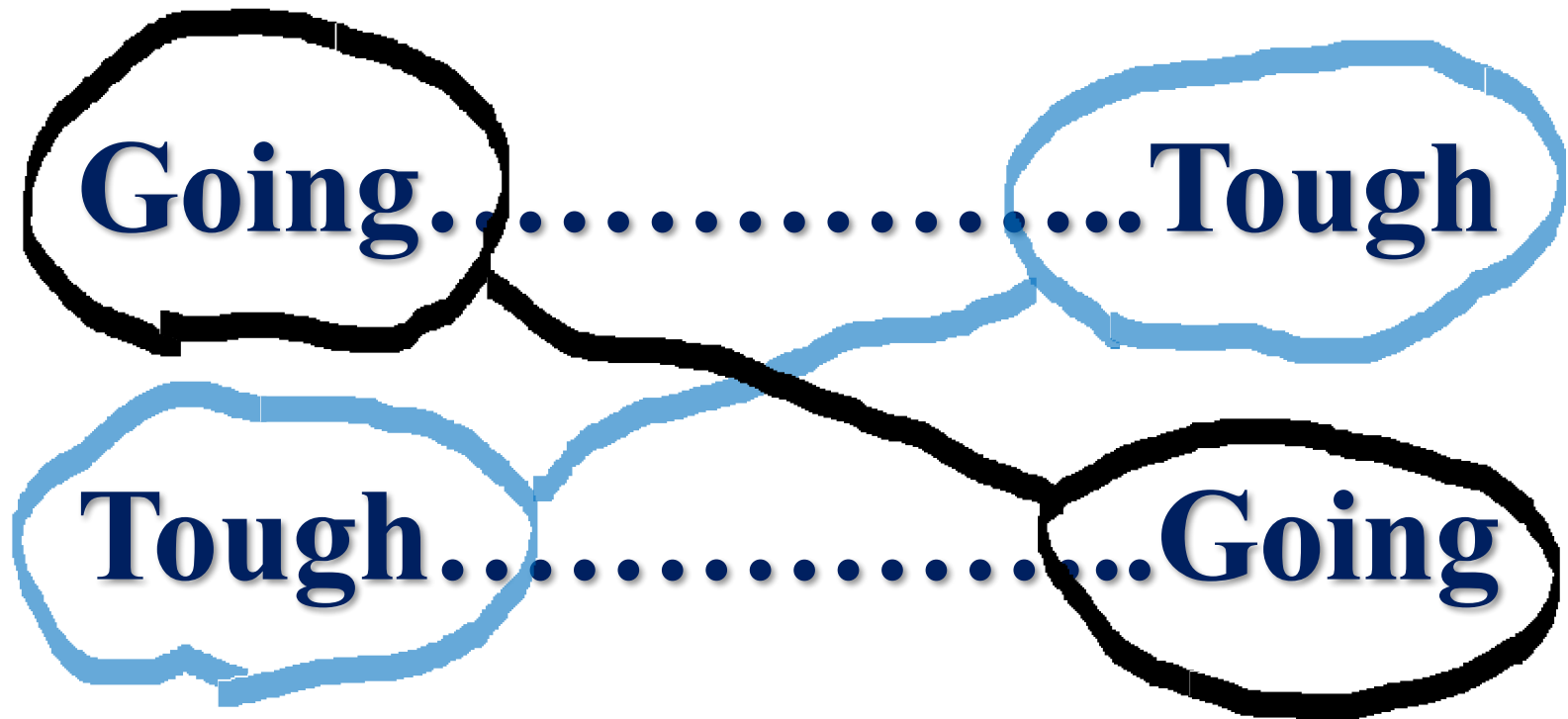
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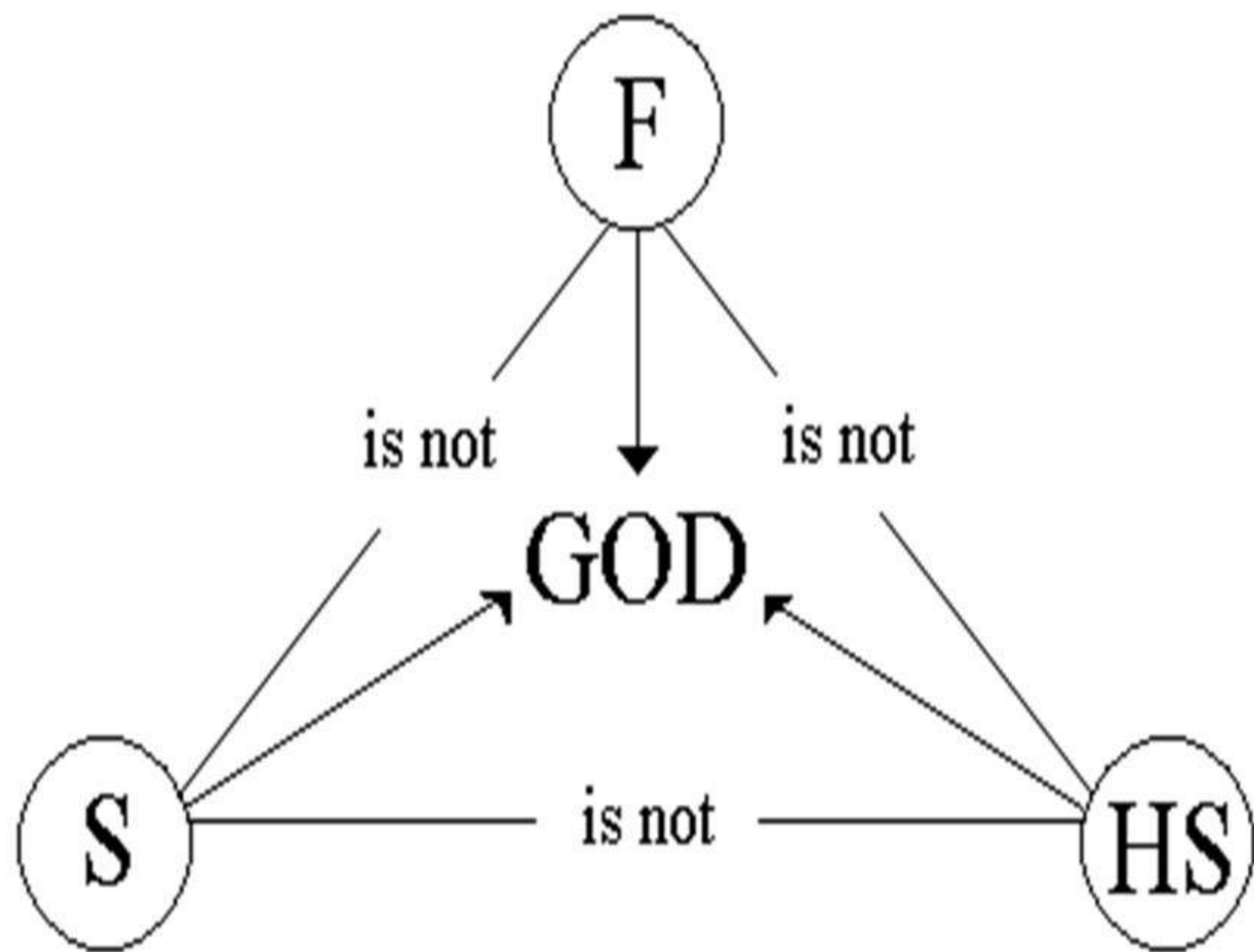
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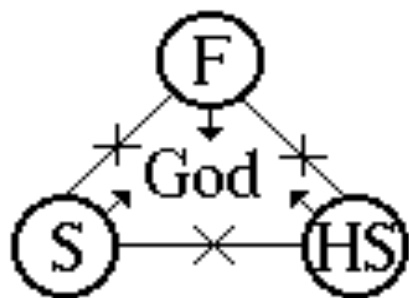
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In the Being of the One God
there are Three Persons, Equal
in Essence/Attributes, Distinct
in Subsistence

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True	Just
Triune	Righteous
Transcendent	Sovereign
Omniscient	Love
Omnipotent	Immutable
Omnipresent	Veracity/EL

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CHRIST

came

Grace

Truth

The Bible

A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW



ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

All Humans are Sinners/Die...

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...the Savior is Coming!

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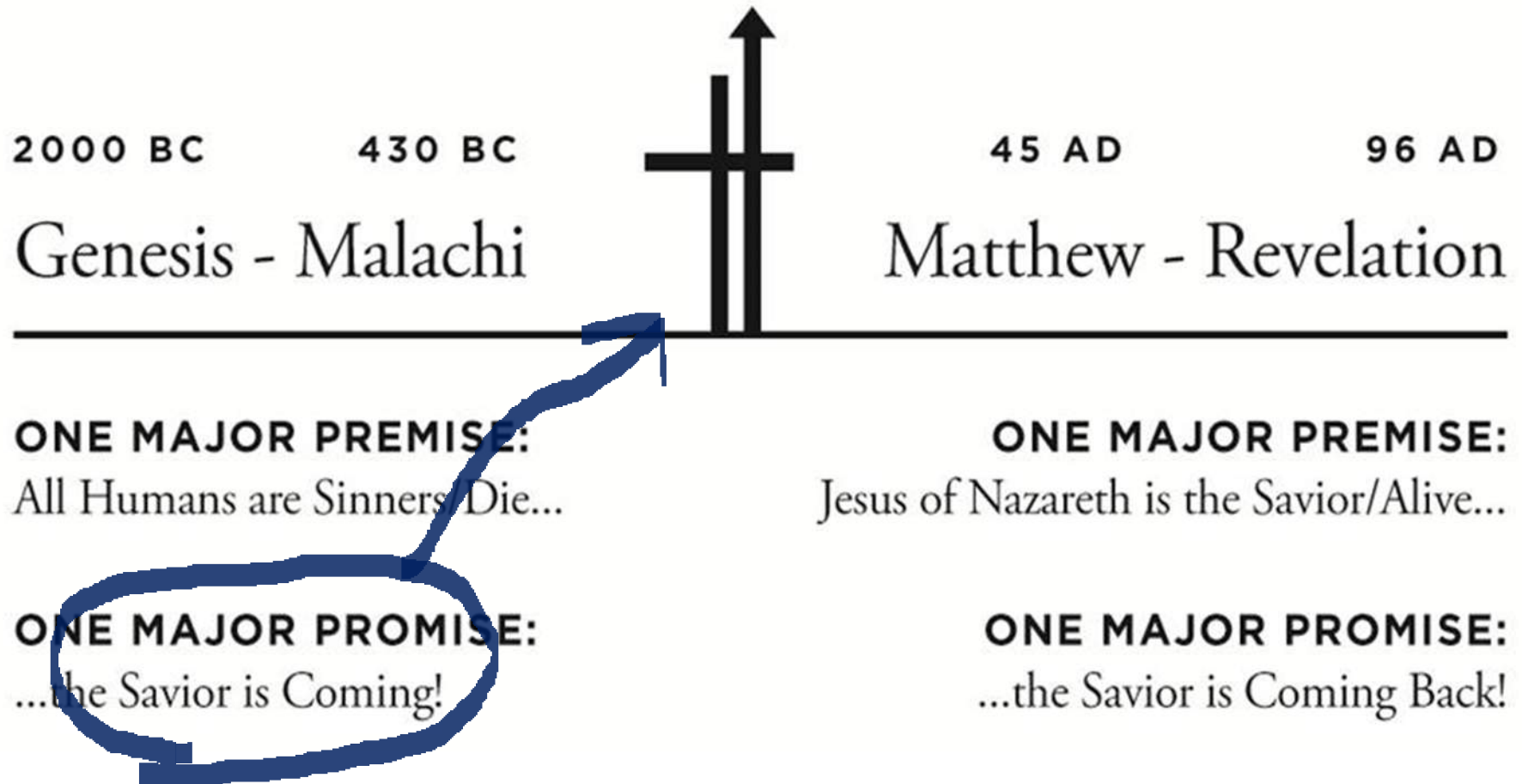
Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior/Alive...

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming Back!

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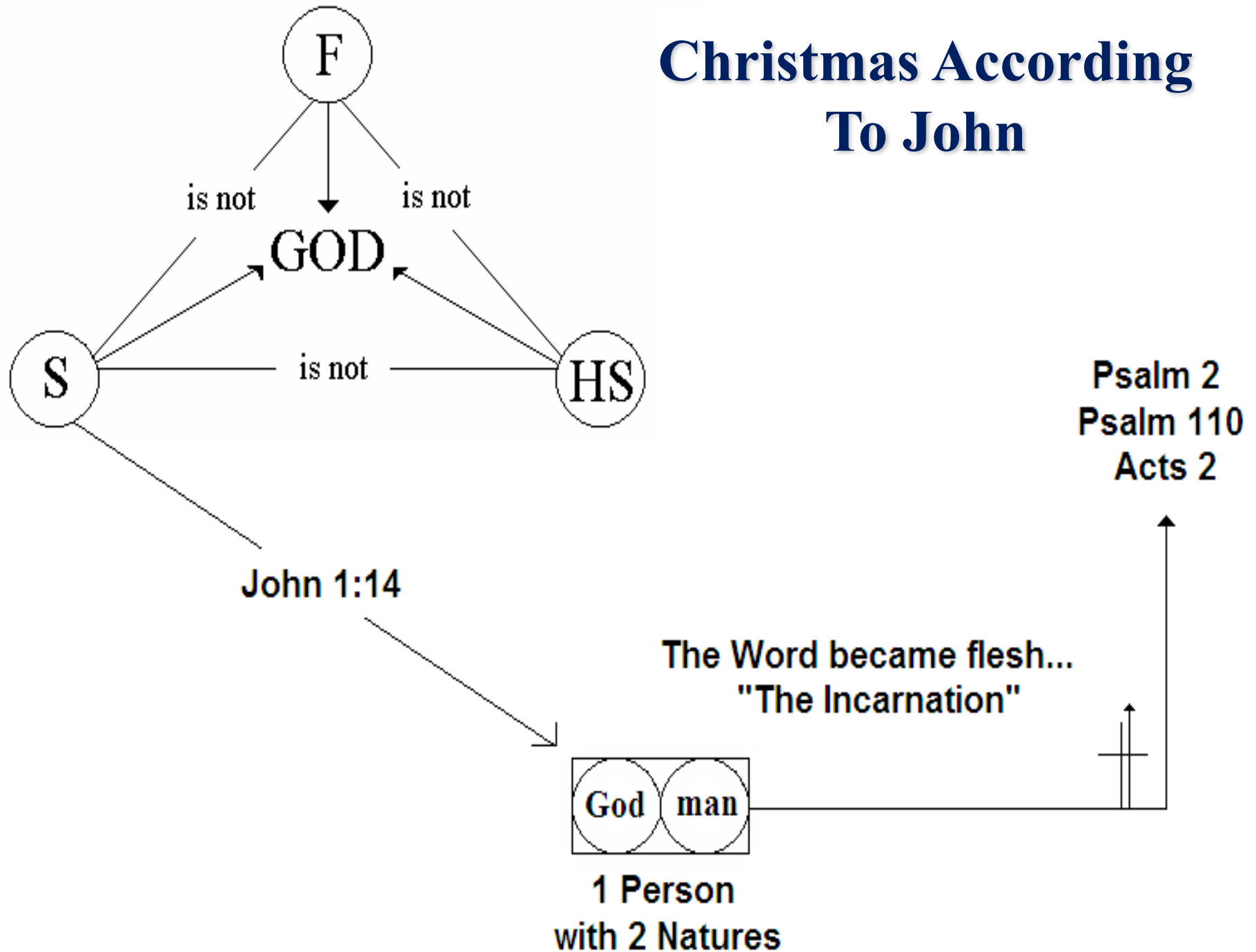
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