Christmas Crosses the Bridge Part 1

12-03-23 Today's Passages ~ Luke 2:29-32

Jesus ~ the Bridge to the World

God's divine plan purposely placed His Son, Jesus, on a _____ bridge for Christmas.

The three major lands of the world were connected by the that went through Israel.

Via Maris ~ along the Mediterranean Sea "Wav of the Sea" Isaiah 9:2 Matthew 4:15

King's Highway ~ east of the Jordan River



Numbers 20:17: 21:22 Luke 2:29-32

Africa

The LORD will lay bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our Isaiah 52:10 God.

How can "all the nations" see the Salvation of the World?

At the crossroad (the intersection) of the World. The ______ of the known world. Spain to the West ~ India & China to the East

... He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. Acts 17:26-27

Jesus is A_____ to all, extends beyond all \boldsymbol{B}_{-----} , includes all *C*_____, and dissolves all \boldsymbol{D} _____. For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, Romans 10:12

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed vourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26-28

and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ... barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Colossians 3:10-11 Christ is all, and is in all.

Today, many feel incomplete.

Jesus *must be* our Bridge

Our *A*bilities & *A*_____ will never be enough.

1

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to 1 Corinthians 12:13 drink.

Our Acceptance & A_____ will never be enough.

For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, Eph. 2:14

Our Ambition & A_____ will never be enough.

Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. ... Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 God called him to.

We **must** _____ God's plan and placement of our lives, for He alone provides our .

Optional Reading:

God wants ALL mankind / nations to know Him. (14 chapters) Joshua 4, 1 Kings 8 & 18, Psalm 67, 83, 98, 106 **Isaiah** 11, 37, 40, 52, 66, **Luke** 2 & 3