



### Introduction – a financial update

SERMON SERIES: O Holy Night  
TODAY: “Long Lay the World in Sin  
and Error Pining”

Christmas is about the Incarnation -  
God, without ceasing to be God,  
was made man. John 1:14

The Origin of O Holy Night – The  
contribution of Placide Cappeau

The Biblical Account – Luke 2:1-20

Cappeau’s poem - Minuit, chrétiens!

The Origin of O Holy Night – The  
contributions of Adolphe Adam  
and John Sullivan Dwight

The Lyrics of O Holy Night

“Long Lay the World in Sin...”  
Romans 3:9-12

“...and Error Pining”  
1 Corinthians 1:18-24

“...Till He appeared...and The Soul  
Felt Its Worth”  
John 1:9-13

Application – Don’t just sing “O  
Holy Night” but live it this  
Christmas season!

### John 1:14

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### Romans 3:9-12

<sup>9</sup> For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. <sup>10</sup> As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” 20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### John 1:9-13

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a