

The Problems of Christmas: Loneliness

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THE REALITY OF LONELINESS

THE REMEDY FOR LONELINESS

In the beginning was the Word (that's Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. John 1: 1-2

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us ... John 1: 14

... although he made the world ... Even in his own land and among his own people ... he was not accepted. John 1: 10-11

They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. Luke 4:29-30

When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." Mark 3:21

... Jesus' brothers urged him ... "Go where more people can see your miracles!" they scoffed. "You can't be famous when you hide like this! If you're so great, prove it to the world!" For even his brothers didn't believe in him. John 7:3-5

... Jesus brought them to a garden grove ... and told them to sit down and wait while he went on ahead to pray. He took Peter ... James and John, and ... told them, "My soul is crushed with horror and sadness to the point of death ... stay here ... stay awake with me. " He went forward a little, and fell face downward on the ground, and prayed ... Then he returned to the three disciples and found them asleep. "Peter," he called, "couldn't you even stay awake with me one hour? Matthew 26:36-40

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice ... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matt 27:46

The Bottom Line:

_____ experienced ultimate _____ so we don't have to.

THE RESPONSE TO LONELINESS

Pursue the presence of _____.

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...I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20