



Message Outline
Christmas thru the Clips:
Rudolf
John 1:1-18

Intro: Entering Christmas thru classical Christmas clips...

- Last week, the Grinch... a heart issue at the heart of Christmas (Mt.15:19-20, Jer.17:9).
- This week, “misfit” nature saves the day...
 -The “misfit” of the God-man Jesus!

Read: John 1:1-18

v.1—John’s beginning is “in the beginning”...

- A prologue that pronounces the paradoxical nature of God...

v.2-5—A light that cuts thru darkness better than a beaming beak...

v.6-8—A herald to announce a King’s coming

v.9—Jesus’ light can ignite others...

v.10-11—Shut out of “reindeer games”...

v.12-13—Entering into another nature...

v.14-18—Misfit nature of Jesus: “Word became flesh”...

Scripture on Jesus’ Nature

- John 1, Colossians 1, Hebrews 1, etc...
- Nicene Creed: “...*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made...*”

The Meaning Behind This “Misfit”

1) Important for S _____

- Can’t redeem what you can’t match (Heb.2:14).

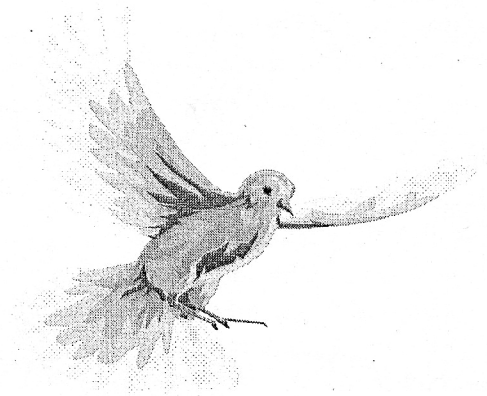
2) Important for U _____

- God understands the human condition (Heb.4:14-16).
- Humans can understand God by watching Jesus (Heb.1:3).

3) Important for M _____

- Mystery of the Incarnation reminds us the truth of Christmas can’t be boxed in! (cf. Lk.2:18)

2nd Sunday of Advent:
Peace



*“Strange, isn’t it? Each man’s life touches so many other lives. When he isn’t around he leaves **an awful hole**, doesn’t he?”¹*

[Jesus speaking] ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For **apart from me you can do nothing.**

—John 15:4-5 NLT

¹ Clarence in It’s a Wonderful Life by Liberty Films 1946.