"THE PRICE TAG"

Though we're repeatedly exhorted to remember the reason for the season, it is far too easy to forget. As we turn our attention to this most wonderful time of the year and soon celebrate the birth of our Savior, we would do well to consider not just the benefits to us but also the expense to Him. Christmas cost Him everything.

THE TOLL FOR CHRISTMAS

1) The ______ of Divinity (Philippians 2:7)

We get a because He did not.

Jesus Christ emptied His _____.

(2) The ______ of Divinity (Hebrews 2:9)

These very spirits who watched Him usher in creation now stand above Him in stature while He visits earth during the entirety of His mission.

He received from mankind anything but while on earth.

(3) The ______ of Divinity (John 1:14)

The Majestic One puts on an ______.

For thirty-plus years, God walks with human legs, speaks with human lips, and motions with human hands.

(4) The ______ of Divinity (Luke 23:46)

The Son succumbs. The Sustainer ceases. The Promised One perishes.

A resurrection requires a . You cannot come back to life if you never experienced the loss of life.

(5) The _____ of Divinity (2 Corinthians 5:21)

It wasn't enough that He ______ to our level. He also took our vile sin.

(6) The _____ of Divinity (Luke 27:46)

The ultimate loss took place when darkness covers the entire world and the Son bears the brunt of sin's penalty

(7) The ______ of Divinity (Mark 6:4)

When He actually mentions His equality with the Father, the Jews seek to Him (John 10:30-31).

Even His disciples struggle to Jesus due to their failure to acknowledge His deity (John 14:8-9).

CONCLUSION

Too often we focus solely on the gift itself that was given but overlook the incredible cost that attaches itself to this gift. Long before His death, there was a significant cost. Thank Him for what He incurred as well as for what He endured to bring you Christmas.