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- What struck you in this video this evening?
- How do you respond to the real purpose of Christmas is Easter?

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- [Phl 2:1-11 NASB] 1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not [merely] look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

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- [Phl 2:6-11 NASB] 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, [and] being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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- Prophecies
 - Gen. 3:15 - Strike enmity (Fulfilled 1 John 3:8 - destroyed the works of the devil)
 - His Virgin Birth:
 - Isaiah 7:14 - A virgin will be with child; 9:6-7- a child will be born to us (Luke 1:33-35)
 - Micah 5:2 (Matt. 2:4-6)
 - His Kingship:
 - Zech 9:9 (Matthew 21:8-10)
 - His Death: Zech. 11:12-13 (Matt. 27:6-10; Psalm 22:14-18 (John 19:23-37)
 - Daniel 9:26 (John 11:50-52- exact timing of His death)
 - Psalm 41: 9 (Mk 14:10, John 13:18-19) - Betrayal

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- Prophecies
 - Hosea 11:1, (Matt 2:15) - Protected
 - Total 34 prophecies just with Jesus' death.
 - Mathematics of the chances one can fulfill 48 prophecies = 1 to the trillion (13 X).

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- What do you think of Lee Strobel?
- How has this impacted you?
- Who have you thought of that you think would benefit from this?
- Write a letter to help you share with others.