

Jesus and Santa Clause

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Up in the North Pole Santa Clause was busy making sure that all the presents were being made according to schedule. The snow had just started coming down and it was already very windy. He knew once he was done here with all the elves he should have to go check on the Reindeer in the barn. He wanted to make sure they were fed properly and got plenty of rest because Christmas Eve was coming in a couple of days. One of his elves Elvis was already in the barn with the Reindeer and making any last minute modifications to Santa's Sleigh.

Santa thought he would go back to his office first and make sure he checked his list so no one was forgotten. Even though he knew all of the elves were pretty through he still liked to check his list twice and he knew that Elvis would check it before loading it on the sleigh. In his office he turned on his laptop and started to go through the list. He thought that this one was longer than any other one. At that time Mrs. Clause came through the door with a nice cup of Hot Chocolate. She told him the storm was really picking up and reminded him that the weather center was tracking a very large storm.

As Mrs. Clause left the room he got back down to his list. After just about completing his list he began to think about an old friend of his and wonder how he was making out this season. The friend was named Jesus and he knew that this was a very special time of the year for him. Santa knew that Jesus was always sad around Christmas because people often forget about him. That's when Santa had a great Idea. He knew that everything was on schedule and if it weren't Elvis would make sure it was. He needed to get away from the North Pole and have a sit down with his old friend.

On his desk was a very special phone and he called his friend and agreed to meet on December 22nd. Jesus was very happy to hear from him and couldn't wait to see his old friend. He got on the intercom to the barn and told Elvis of his plans and told him to prepare a smaller sleigh and he would use the reindeer Olive to pull him to his destination. He then left his office to let Mrs. Clause know and she was delighted that two old friends were getting together for a sit down.

They had both decided to meet in Perth, Australia because of its Mediterranean climate, Perth is the perfect sunny Australian capital city, averaging eight hours of sunshine a day, year round. Santa loved to get in a little sunshine during the winter and maybe just a little surfing. Santa also loved good food and knew he would get to sample some culinary delights. Jesus was picking the place to eat.

The weather was beautiful when Santa arrived. He knew of a place that could take care of Olive and polish the sleigh while he met his friend. He was dressed in shorts and sandals with a tee shirt that read, "Jesus is the Reason". He knew that would cheer up his friend.

Jesus was already at the restaurant and had taken the liberty of ordering all kinds of food and drinks. No one else was in the restaurant so they could take in private. The two old friends greeted each other with handshakes and great big bear hugs. Santa then sat down with his friend and asked Jesus how are you?

Jesus replied, not so good. I am worried about the people; they don't take me serious anymore. Santa frowned and paused a minute before saying, its me people tend not to believe in. Jesus confided in Santa Claus that he gets a little Jealous of him around Christmas. Santa went on to remind him that more people go to church on Christmas than any other time of the year. A lot of parents won't even let the children open up any presents before they go to church. He also mentioned that Midnight Mass was a tradition. Santa went on to say that when

children grow up they forget all about him and no longer believe. At least they go to church and get to take a look at you on the cross and they think of all the sacrifices you have made for them.

It was now Jesus turn and he said maybe you are right, but if there are so many people in the church for Christmas what about the rest of the year. People look forward to Christmas for presents, not going to church. Children look forward to Santa Clause coming, not going to church. Its just not fair. With that Santa Clause got up to fill up his plate. All the food remained piping hot and it all looked delicious. He knew he should not eat all he put on his plate, but it was impolite not to enjoy himself with his friend.

Santa sat back down and said my old friend everyone loves you. Children and grown ups alike say their prayers every night. I agree some people don't believe in anything, but as they get older that will change. Look at it this way I get the younger ones and you get the older more mature. With that Jesus got up and placed some deserts on his plate. He then brought Santa some Hot Chocolate and sat down to finish their meal.

They ate in silence for a while and Jesus said to Santa, so its beautiful weather we are having today and you going back or staying. Santa just laughed and got a wide grin and said surfing. They both finished their meal and said their goodbye's.

Some folks seem to have forgotten that Christmas is a birthday party for Jesus. It's a strange birthday party because no one gives Jesus any presents, and the most important person seems to be Santa Claus. Let try to remember Jesus is the reason for the season.