

Drag Nativities Take Center Stage in 'Progressive' Churches This Christmas

What the apostle Paul warned about nearly 2,000 years ago is not some distant theological concept. The "great falling away" he described is no longer creeping in quietly. It is brazen, public and increasingly wrapped in the language of spirituality.

Each news cycle brings fresh evidence that many who once claimed the name of Jesus have abandoned the authority of Scripture, rejected the lordship of Jesus Christ and replaced repentance with self-worship. What was once unthinkable is now celebrated, often from pulpits that still dare to call themselves churches.

As reported by Fox News, progressive churches in Colorado and Washington are hosting drag-themed Christmas events that openly mock and reimagine the Nativity itself.

Foothills Unitarian Church in Fort Collins, Colorado, hosted "A Drag Christmas Spectacular," advertised as "a joyful, irreverent reimagining of the nativity story that celebrates queer joy, chosen family, and the power of love and acceptance."



Promotional material for the event declares, "Get ready for the ultimate festive extravaganza with 'A Drag Christmas Spectacular,' where magical Queers will slay their way to Bethlehem." The event website also warns that the show contains adult themes and is recommended for ages 16 and older.

The pastor behind the Colorado event made no attempt to hide

the theological inversion taking place. Rev. Sean Neil-Barron told Colorado Public Radio that the show was created in response to what he described as anti-LGBTQ legislation. “What if we created this queer little oasis, this little queer sacred space at the holidays for folks to come and see their lives and their community lifted up as worthy, which is so needed right now?” he said.

He went further, recasting the Magi not as seekers of Christ but as symbols of sexual identity exploration, asking, “Instead of just finding Jesus, what if they actually stumbled upon queer people coming alive, being born again, claiming joy, claiming hope, claiming resilience?”

This is not contextualization. It is substitution. Christ is no longer the object of worship but a backdrop, a prop to elevate human desire and identity. The gospel is not expanded here; it is erased. When the Nativity becomes a vehicle for self-affirmation rather than the incarnation of God in the flesh, the message of salvation has been replaced with another gospel entirely.

The same pattern is unfolding in Seattle. Emmaus Table, an LGBTQ-affirming spiritual community connected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, hosted a drag-inspired Christmas production titled “Drag Church: The Yassification of Ebenezer Scrooge.”



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According to the event description, “The Yassification of Ebenezer Scrooge is a traditional Christmas pageant reimagined through a queer lens.” Attendees were told they would follow Scrooge as he is guided by “three drag queen spirits” who help him “release shame and anger, embrace his true self, and rediscover the joy of community.” Organizers described the event as “spiritually-inclusive” and “family-friendly.”

None of this should shock anyone who takes Scripture seriously. Paul warned that deception would come not only from outside the church but also from within it. Apostasy does not announce itself as rebellion. It cloaks itself in compassion, inclusion and love while denying the very truth that gives those words meaning. These events are not harmless expressions of creativity. They are deliberate distortions of sacred truths, stripping Jesus Christ of His authority and recasting Him as optional, symbolic or irrelevant.

Behind these spectacles is a deeper spiritual reality that must not be ignored. Scripture is clear that there are spiritual forces at work seeking to deceive, distort and draw people away from the truth. The goal is not simply provocation. It is dethronement. When Christ is removed from the center, something else will always take His place.

The response, however, is not hatred toward the people involved. We are commanded to love our neighbors and pray for those who are deceived. Many participating in these events are not enemies but captives of a lie.

At the same time, love does not mean silence. The church must pray fervently, stand firm and confront the spiritual forces pulling the strings behind these movements. The deception thrives where there is no resistance. Truth, spoken boldly and lived faithfully, remains the antidote.

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Want to Go Deeper With God? This Is the Step Most Believers Avoid

For many Christians, the birth of Jesus is familiar territory. A manger, a stable, shepherds under a star-filled sky. But Messianic Rabbi Jason Sobel says when the story is viewed through its original Jewish context, it becomes far more intentional, prophetic and breathtaking than most realize.

Appearing on The 700 Club, Sobel explained that Jesus was not born in a wooden barn at all. "He wasn't born in a barn," Sobel said. "He was actually born in a cave."

That single detail, he explained, changes everything.

According to Sobel, the location of Jesus' birth was no accident, nor was the identity of the shepherds who first received the angelic announcement. "These weren't ordinary shepherds," he said. "They were priestly shepherds. They were raising the Passover lambs for the Temple in Jerusalem."

Those lambs, Sobel noted, were born and cared for in caves surrounding Bethlehem. "Those lambs were brought into the caves around Bethlehem when they were born," he said. "So they see Him born in the same place that the Passover lambs were born."



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Even the sign given to the shepherds carried a meaning they would instantly recognize. "Behold, you'll see a baby lying in

swaddling cloth, lying in a manger,” Sobel quoted, asking why such a specific sign mattered. “Why were those signs of any signs that could have been given?” he said.

Sobel believes the answer lies in priestly practice. “I believe He was swaddled in not ordinary garments but in priestly garments,” he said, noting that sacrificial lambs were wrapped carefully at birth to prevent blemish.

What makes the account even more striking, Sobel said, is how Jesus’ birth quietly points forward to His death. “His birth in a stone cave and put in a stone manger points to His burial in a cave,” he said. “And His being wrapped in swaddling cloth at His birth points to the linen cloth that He’s buried in as well.”

To Sobel, the parallel is impossible to dismiss. “So His birth and His burial are connected,” he said. “He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.”

Sobel, author of *Transformed by the Messiah* and a consultant for *The Chosen*, said this kind of detail reveals a depth to Scripture that feels anything but random. “The beginning and the end are all connected,” he said, a reminder that the Christmas story, when fully understood, carries far more weight than sentiment alone.

Far from diminishing the wonder of Jesus’ birth, Sobel said these connections make it even more astonishing. A Messiah born not just humbly, but prophetically. His mission was woven into stone, cloth and location from the very first moment.

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End-Times Update: Turkey, the Temple Mount and Why These Developments Are Raising Prophetic Alarms

Across politics, culture and media, once-unthinkable ideas are now treated as normal, while basic truths are openly disputed. What many dismiss as simple chaos or confusion may point to something deeper: a society losing its grip on reality itself.

Pastor Tom Hughes addresses this collapse in clarity on The Tom Hughes Report, arguing that the cultural madness on display is not random. He describes it as both a spiritual condition and a prophetic indicator of where the world is headed. "There's a good chance... you're going to find yourself saying, 'That's crazy,'" Hughes says, calling it "an excellent definition of the times that we live in."

The Pattern Behind the Chaos

Hughes points to Soviet defector Yuri Bezmenov, who outlined a strategy for overthrowing societies:

- "Number one is you demoralize the people."
- "Number two, you destabilize."
- "You create a crisis."
- "And then you normalize."

Demoralization, Hughes explains, happens when "facts don't matter." In that condition, "the masses of people can no

longer tell fact from fiction,” making them “easily manipulated.” He warns, “The demoralization process appears to be complete.”



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When Truth Is Abandoned

“When truth is abandoned, the vacuum is filled with madness,” Hughes says. He cites Hannah Arendt, who wrote, “The ideal subject of totalitarian rule is... people for whom the distinction between fact and fiction no longer exists.”

Hughes points to institutional confusion as evidence. Asked to define a woman, a Supreme Court nominee replied, “I’m not a biologist.” Hughes responds, “How can you act on behalf of women if you don’t know what a woman is?”

Self-Destruction Disguised as Freedom

Hughes warns that rejecting truth leads inward. “People are literally destroying themselves in following their pride, their greed, their lust.” What is marketed as freedom, he says, produces bondage. “The ultimate expression of rebellion is... self-destruction in the name of liberation.”

A Debased Mind

Quoting Romans 1, Hughes notes, “God gave them over to a debased mind.” He explains that such a mind “reverses the importance of everything,” leaving a culture where “evil seems good and good evil.”

He points to modern examples:

- “For millions today, Hitler’s become a hero.”
- “Homosexual and transgender people publicly taking a

stand for Hamas.”

- “Glamour magazine... awarded their women of the year award to nine men who dress like women.”

“I think we’ve passed crazy,” Hughes says. “I think this world is going mad.”

Where Hope Remains

Hughes wraps up his report by reminding believers where clarity is found. “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of sound mind.” Even as confusion deepens, he says, “Darkness may rise, but it can never overwhelm the light of Christ.”

“The world may exchange truth for lies,” Hughes adds, “but we hold on to the one who is truth.”

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