

“What Christmas Is All About”

Luke 2:1–21

December 25, 2022

Christmas Is About History

“The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.” (Proverbs 21:1)

Christmas Is About a King

“And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:32–33)

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.” (Micah 5:2)

“When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.” (Matthew 1:24–25)

Christmas Is About Humility

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Christmas Is About a Savior

Christmas Is About Glory

Christmas Is About Sharing

Christmas Is About Reflecting

Christmas Is About Obedience

“He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised.” (Genesis 17:12)

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” (Galatians 4:4–5)

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:5–11)

Notes

Discuss

- Why is the true meaning of Christmas so hard to come by (and remember) when it's so readily available?
- How can you emulate the humility of Jesus Christ in your Christmas celebrations?
- What are some opportunities that you think you might have to share about Christ with others in the days ahead, and how can you be prepared?
- What can you learn from the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and why is the obedience of Jesus Christ important for you?

Read

Matthew 1:18–2:12; John 1:1–18; Galatians 3:23–4:7; Philippians 2:1–11

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will bring you to points of prayerful reflection on the meaning of Christmas today and in the days ahead.
- That the Holy Spirit will give you opportunities and boldness to share about Jesus Christ with others.

Bulletin

- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: Give Online (through Realm) or in Person by December 31, 2022 (Goal: \$5,500)
- New Year's Day Service: January 1 at 10:45am (no Sunday school prior to service)
- Bible Reading Plans Available on Connect Desk
- All-Church Sunday School: January 8 at 9:30am (followed by normally scheduled service at 10:45am)
- Exploring Membership Class: Four Consecutive Sundays at 9:30am Beginning on January 15