

**What's so Special About Christmas?**  
**(Luke 2.1-7; 12-22-19am)**

**Main Idea:** Christmas is about Jesus; specifically, what God would do by sending His Son

Read the Christmas story devotionally: Let the text speak –

To your mind: ponder on God's redemptive work in history

To your heart: fall in love with the precious baby all over again

To your will: as you rejoice in God's amazing grace, you take on a fresh spirit of surrender to Him

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**I. Christmas testifies that God is presiding over His creation (1-3)**

A. God presides over history (1-2)

B. God presides over humanity (3) (cf. Dan 2.20-21)

**II. Christmas testifies that God keeps His word (4-5)**

A. The Christ child would come from Bethlehem (Micah 5.2)

B. The Christ child would be born to a virgin (Is 7.14; cf. Lk 1.26-38)

2<sup>nd</sup> prophecy about virgin conception nails down important doctrine to help us see Christmas is so special:

1. Explains the purpose of God Jesus would rule from "*lineage of David*"

2. Expresses the power of God to "*overshadow*" teenager & create a baby

3. Establishes the purity and perfection of Son of God "*holy child/Son of God*"

**III. Christmas testifies that God is fulfilling His purposes (6-7)**

A. God's purpose guides His timing (Gal 4.4-5) (cf. Is 46.9-10; 2 Pet 3.8-9; Is 25.1)

B. God's purpose governs His actions (Jn 3.16) (cf. Rev 13.8)

C. God's purpose put flesh on grace (Jn 1.14) (Is 11.10)

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Such a focus will increase your humility & diminish your pride

It will increase your gratitude & diminish your covetousness for what you do not have

It will increase your love for God & diminish your love for this world

It will increase your concern for the lost & diminish your concern for self-gain & self-comfort

**Apply:** four "don'ts" to guide the "do's" of your worship

1. Don't worry over the future: the hourglass of time is in the hands of God

2. Don't place your trust or your peace in present circumstances: rising/falling of nations are in plans of God

3. Don't lose sight of God's eternal purposes: the events of history were set before time began

4. Don't miss what's really so special about Christmas: the birth of Jesus was for the salvation of man