



Differentiator #1:

“Christmas” might be for good boys and girls getting what they deserve...but **Jesus came to give all of us what we** _____

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’” Luke 2:8-12, NIV

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 3:23, NIV

Differentiator #2:

“Christmas” might be about giving gifts to others...but **Jesus came that we would**

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“He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.” John 1:11-13, NIV



Hard to Receive: SAVIOUR

"I can't accept this gift because I don't deserve it"

_____ - Unearned

_____ - Too Costly

Hard to Receive: LORD

"I can't accept this gift because I don't need it"

_____ - Self-centredness

Differentiator #3:

"Christmas" might be about getting together with "our people"...but **JESUS came to bring together**

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WE ARE: FAMILY

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life John 3:16

Differentiator #4:

"Christmas" might "come but once a year"...but **JESUS/the Kingdom came to**

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" Luke 2:13-14, NIV



He Ain't Leavin': Only Coming

_____ : *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* John 16:33

_____ : *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28:19

QUESTIONS FOR "CHRISTMAS"

1. Do I need to receive the gift of grace this Christmas?

2. Do I need to give the gift of grace this Christmas?

3. Who can I include in my Christmas that might be an "outsider?" How?

4. Have I found my hope, rest, peace, and joy in Jesus? What "season" do I need to intentionally bring JESUS into?