



## "The Christmas Gift We Actually Need"

**THE BIG IDEA:** Most of us receive gifts we don't really need or like. God gives, in His **love** for us, the greatest gift and one we actually need.

- ✓ **Foundational Truth:** Love for His Creation (including you) is the **heart** of God's **response** to fallen people.

Luke 2:1-7, 11 (ESV)

**2** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called ***Bethlehem***, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And ***she gave birth to her firstborn son*** and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a ***Savior***, who is ***Christ the Lord***.

## 3 QUESTIONS WE ALL NEED TO ASK:

1. **How** did Jesus come?
  - ✓ As a baby. As a human. In the most ordinary way.
  - ✓ In all the ways that fulfilled the prophecies of His coming.
  - ✓ As one who submitted Himself fully to His Father in every way in every moment of His life.
2. **Why** did Jesus come?
  - ✓ To be our "Savior who is Christ the Lord" [Luke 2:11]
  - ✓ John 3:16-17
3. What **difference** does it make that He came?

Romans 1:18

Ephesians 2:12-19

1 John 2:2, 25; 4:10

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Christmas began in the heart of God.  
It is complete only when it reaches  
the heart of man.

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