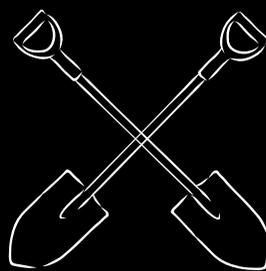


# DIGGING DEEPER



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## The Christmas Tradition

### SYNOPSIS

Christmas season is filled with all kinds of traditions that are not only festive and fun to enjoy, but are also an important part of Christian history. In a special Christmas message entitled “The Christmas Tradition”, Pastor Tim explains the Biblical connection of 12 Christmas traditions:

- 1) Christmas Trees
- 2) Lights & Candles
- 3) Gift-Giving
- 4) Christmas Carols
- 5) Nativity Scenes
- 6) Santa Claus (St. Nicholas)
- 7) Feasting & Celebration
- 8) Bells
- 9) Angels in Decorations
- 10) Wreaths & Holly
- 11) Ornaments (especially globes)
- 12) White Decorations & Snow Imagery.

We hope this message helps you appreciate the meaning behind the Christmas traditions that we all see, and some that we even partake in, during this special time of year!

### “THE CHRISTMAS TRADITION”

#### KEY VERSE

*“So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”*

MATTHEW 1:22-23 NKJV

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**1) Text:** Matthew 1:22–23

**Cross-References:** Isaiah 7:14; John 1:14; Colossians 2:9

**Discuss:** Matthew emphasizes that Jesus’ birth fulfills prophecy and reveals Emmanuel—“God with us.” Why is it essential that Jesus is both fully God and fully man (Col. 2:9)? How does John 1:14 explain what it means for God to “dwell” among humanity? Why does the virgin birth safeguard the truth of the incarnation rather than serve as a minor Christmas detail?

**2) Text:** Matthew 28:19–20

**Cross-References:** Colossians 4:5–6; 1 Peter 3:15

**Discuss:** The sermon presents Christmas traditions as natural bridges for evangelism. How does Scripture call believers to be intentional and wise in everyday conversations (Col. 4:5–6)? Why is knowing why we practice traditions essential for effective witness (1 Pet. 3:15)? How can ordinary cultural symbols become gospel entry points?

**3) Text:** Luke 2:6–7

**Cross-References:** Philippians 2:6–8; 2 Corinthians 8:9

**Discuss:** Jesus enters the world in humility rather than splendor. Why is the manger essential to understanding Christ’s mission (Phil. 2:6–8)?

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

**Text:** Luke 2:10–11

**Cross-References:** Isaiah 9:6; John 1:12

**Discuss:** The angel announces “good news of great joy for all people.” Why is it important that the gospel is for everyone, not just religious people? How does Isaiah 9 describe who Jesus really is? What does John 1:12 say happens when someone receives Him?

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## REFLECTIONS

1) This week, aim to represent Christ through kindness, honesty, and humility – not by acting “religious” or trying to impress people (Matthew 5:16).

2) Give something this week – time, encouragement, or help – as a response to how generously God has given to you (2 Corinthians 9:7).

3) Identify one thing that consistently pulls your attention away from God during the holidays and intentionally limit it so you can spend time in Scripture or prayer instead (Psalm 46:10).

### RESOURCES

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