

What is Christmas About?

Consider a few inspiring lines from the song *It's About The Cross* by Go Fish:

It's not just about the manger, where the Baby lay.
It's not just about the angels, who sang for Him that day.
It's not just about the shepherds, or the bright and shining star.
It's not all about the wisemen, who traveled from afar.
It's about the Cross, it's about my sin. It's about how Jesus came to be born once
so that we could be born again. It's about the stone, that was rolled away,
so that you and I could have real Life one day. It's about the cross.

As the song says, many celebrate Jesus coming as a baby at Christmas. However, few stop to ask: *Why did Jesus come to the world?*

God knew we had broken His law. For example, in the Ten Commandments, God tells us not to lie, steal, or disobey our parents—things we've all done. Just like a guilty criminal, we deserve to be punished, and that place of punishment is hell.

But there's Good News! God provided another option. He knows we are all guilty of breaking His law, and that He could not have a relationship with us or open heaven to us because of His perfect holiness and justice. At the same time though, He is so full of love for us and the world that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die in our place on a cruel, rugged cross, paying for our sins with His blood. Then, three day later, Jesus arose from the grave, defeating death. Now, He offers us eternal life! You see, it really is about the cross.

So, this year while you're celebrating Christmas, remember why Jesus came. If you simply repent (turn from your sins) and put your faith in Jesus Christ as the One who took your punishment, He will save you from hell and give you abundant life forever. Jesus offers the greatest gift anyone could ever ask for—all you need to do is humbly accept it.

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