



WHY
Christmas?

- **What CRU questions about God:**
 - **How do you know there is a God?**
 - **What about all of the evil in the world?**
 - **How can you trust the Bible?**
 - ★ ● **What about hell?**
 - **How can Christianity be the only way?**
 - **How can you be sure you will know God and go to heaven?**
- **Family Devo Project:**
 - **How does Christmas answer these questions?**

LUKE 2:1-7

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

- **Does God care about me?**
 - **7 billion people**
 - **200k light years across the Milky Way**
 - **125 billion galaxies**
- **How can any one life matter to God?**
- **Why Christmas? So God can assure us that our little lives do matter to Him**
- **The greatest people in the world answer to God and do His bidding**
- **God uses everything and everyone to bring His Son to the tiniest life**

LUKE 2:8-14

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **13** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

- **Can anything relieve my fears?**
- **There is something in the human condition that exists in fear**
- **And there's something in us that creates things to be afraid of**
- **365 times the Bible tells us to not be afraid - and His actions at Christmas are aimed to take away our fear**

- **Why doesn't God want us to be afraid?**
 - **Fear doesn't accomplish anything once it's warned us of danger**
 - **"Fear is the condition that precedes sin"-**
★ **Kierkegaard**
 - **Fear causes us to have "spiritual amnesia"**
- **"Here is the world. Terrible and beautiful things will happen. Don't be afraid."- CF Beuchner**
- **Don't be afraid!**

LUKE 2:13-14

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- **What brings real joy in life?**
- **This is the search for every human soul - firmly rooted joy**
- **The Bible isn't condemning us for sadness or mourning or crying**
- **Into our darkness and cries for help, God sends Jesus and the angels say, "Rejoice!"**
- **Why Christmas? God Himself says, "I am the source of joy for your soul"**
 - **There is a joy in Christ that cannot be overcome by the darkness of this world**

- **Is there any peace for my soul?**
- **Our minds and bodies are on overdrive (over-tiredness)**
- **Our souls are weary from sin and a sinful world**
- **God comes to offer us peace - but there's a qualifier; to**
★ **those on whom His favor rests**
- **This isn't merely physical peace or some kind of**
international truce
 - **The war between God and man is over!**
- **This is a peace that belongs to everyone who puts their**
faith in Christ
- **Why Christmas? So we will know that there is both a**
meta and circumstantial peace

- **Why Christmas?**

- **To answer our deepest questions about God and scariest fears about ourselves**

- **To let us know once and for all how much God loves us and that God is the answer for everything our soul needs (peace, joy, lack of fear)**

- **All of this can be ours because of what Jesus has done for us - call on Him today and trust in Him daily**