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# MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The Praise of Christmas

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[ **SERIES SLIDE:** ]

We've looked at PERSON / PURPOSE / PERSPECTIVE...

We want to look at what it means to Submit your life to this BABY / MAN / SAVIOR

- We want you to REACT to Jesus on your knees... Wisemen
- Heaven and Earth will MEET



[ **TITLE SLIDE:** ]

## Who here is a true FOOTBALL FAN?

- Everyone who loves it knows.... It's all about the FOOTBALL
  - Everything in Game is about Pigskin
  - First Downs / Touchdowns / Incomplete - Complete Passes
  - Placement of Football / Field goals
  - It's ALL about this foot ball
- This FOOTBALL has spawned Billion \$ Business
  - Made people Millionaires
  - Brought Sponsors in
  - People Eat and Drink around it
  - Television Programs created from it
- All because of the positioning of this one little thing

**CHRISTMAS is all about this ONE LITTLE THING.... Baby Jesus  
Because it has affected the WORLD!**

**THINK ABOUT THIS...**

- Jesus never wrote a SONG....
- Jesus never wrote BOOK....
- Never TRAVELED more than 300 miles....

*MORE SONGS about Him*

*BIBLE #1 Seller*

*Can't go ANYWHERE*

**Jesus is not ORDINARY NAME  
like FOOTBALL not ordinary ball**

Christmas is all about Jesus Christ

**How do we make Christmas PRACTICAL in our lives??  
EVERYDAY LIFE??**

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Look as Wisemen again...



[ Matthew 2.1-2 NKJV ]

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."*



[ Matthew 2.11a NKJV ]

*And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and **fell down and worshiped Him.***

- How did they worship?.... Fell to the Ground / Bow down



How do YOU respond to Christmas??....

**YOU BOW DOWN WORSHIP**

Bible makes it clear.... **WE ONLY WORSHIP GOD!**

- These Wisemen Worshipped this Toddler
- They Bowed Down / Bringing GIFTS / Yielded to Him
- God HONORED their worship... By giving guidance and Warning to them

**Jesus is Recognized as GOD!**

**If you want to get all out of Christmas.... You want to BOW DOWN**

Submit your WILL / LIFE / PURPOSES / PASSIONS

ALL OF LIFE is to surround Worship and Recognition of Jesus Christ

**They Bowed Down THEN Heaven spoke**

This is more than Going to Church.....

It's Recognition of Jesus Kingship and Lordship

**IMPORTANT:**

There is only one mediator between God and man

- He's the Mediator / Goto Person / **LINK**

- When Jesus Christ is Excluded... the LINK is MISSING
- God wants to close that gap through the BOWING DOWN to Jesus Christ

This scripture summarizes this series.....



[ Philippians 2.6-11 NLT ]

*Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.*

*Instead, He gave up his divine privileges; (How??..) He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. (Hyper static Union)  
*When He appeared in human form, He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.* (the Purpose of Christmas)  
*Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus **every** knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare (confesses) that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

If you really want to get all out of Christmas that it has to offer... BOW DOWN

- You can Bow LATER mandatorily
- You can Bow NOW voluntarily

In Heaven / Earth / Hell.... will BOW

Also...

**Christmas is reminder as we start NEW YEAR... to Bow Down!**

- **CONFESS** Jesus is Lord....
- Confess Means to **Agree with God**

Jesus said in Matthew 10.32

*"Therefore, the one who confesses and acknowledges Me before men [as Lord and Savior, affirming a state of oneness with Me], that one (person) I will also confess and acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven.*

Warren Wiersbe

*The merits of His heavenly intercessory work do not depend on our faithfulness, for He is faithful even if we are not. But the benefits of His heavenly ministry are for those who are faithful to Him.*

*When Christ confesses us before the Father, He is securing for us the benefits of His sacrificial work on the cross.*

*When He denies us before the Father, He is unable to share these graces with us. The fault is ours, not His.*

- It's the Recognition of Jesus that gets us attention in Heaven
- It's the Denial of Jesus (refusing to Bow Down) get's us signed off in heaven
- Remember... Jesus is our Mediator to God... LINK

**Christmas is a time to Come-out and be KNOWN...  
as a FOLLOWER of Jesus Christ**

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CLOSE...  **YOU BOW DOWN WORSHIP**

Wisemen....

We talked about the INCONVENIENCE of Worshipping Jesus

## **We are familiar with FOOTBALL FANS**

- Typical football day
  - 17 minutes of actual physical contact and running
    - All this attention is for 17 minutes
  - Part of 1 Hour game
  - 3 Hour experience
  - 2 Hours to get to stadium..... 5 hours
  - 2 hour to get home.... 7 hour day
  - Get home to watch on ESPN
  - Spending week on Fantasy Football

**WHY?? Cause in your mind and heart it DESERVES...  
this attention every week**

- Because you're not merely a FAN.... you're a FOLLOWER

## Just entered into “BOWING DOWN to Pigskin”

- Adored it / Worshipped it / Cherished it / Followed it
- Even paid TITHE when enter stadium (*Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh*)
- **BECAUSE** you've decided... this ball is Worth Bowing down to

7 Hours that day... and carried on in thoughts all week  
Anticipating NEXT Worship

If we can do that.... CHRISTMAS should have our undivided Attention

Be like the wisemen... BOW DOWN

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CLOSE...

(STORY: Rich man painting of his son)

Will of the Father, whoever took the Son GOT everything else

**With the Son comes everything Else**