



Sermon Outline
December 6, 2020
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It's Not Your Birthday

Matthew 2:1-12

- *The term **Advent** is a Latin phrase that simply means "to come."
 - *The simplest explanation of advent is that it's a _____ focus on Christ in December to help us remember why we celebrate Christmas.
 - *Advent reminds us: At Christmas it's not our _____ we're celebrating.
 - *The advent of Christ is a major factor in the _____ at Christmas.
- Matthew 2:11** - On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
- *One thing that can hijack your Christmas is _____.
 - *If gifts are the center of your Christmas, _____ never will be.
 - *A great question we might want to start asking at Christmas: Jesus, what do _____ for Christmas?

Three gift suggestions for Jesus:

1. Give generously to those in _____.

Matthew 25:37-40 - Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

2. Give the gift of _____ to someone else.

John 1:40-42a - Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Luke 19:10 - For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Acts 1:8b - ...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

3. Give Jesus _____.

Luke 9:24 - For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

*God never asks us to do anything He hasn't first been willing to do or _____.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Takeaway: Don't let the gifts we give to others _____ what we give to Christ.