

Big Idea: Christmas reminds me that Jesus came to Save Me, not to Destroy Me

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

john3/17nlt

By making me Choose

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.” matthew10/34>36

I must choose to follow Him: “Then Jesus said to the disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me.” matthew16/24nlt

By offering me Full Life

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” john10/10

I must attach my life to His life: “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me.” john15/4nlt

By offering me Light For My Path

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” john12/46

I must know His word: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” psalm119/105nlt

By offering to make All Things New

“if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2corinthians5/17

I must live like everything is new: “...Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life.” romans6/4tev

The gifts at Jesus’ birth prefigured His purpose:

“Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” matthew2/11nlt

Gold: to Honor a King
Frankincense: to Worship God
Myrrh: to foreshadow His Death