

Un-Wrapping Christmas

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(Luke 2:7 KJV) And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Introduction: Long before there were gift cards, mp3 players, smart phones video downloads, and internet shopping, there was the Christmas package. It was the object of much speculation, observation, and on occasion, much shaking. My parents put out our Christmas presents one week before Christmas. They did so in order to stimulate our imagination. We were told: “You can look at them all you want. But you can’t pick them up and you certainly may not shake them. The Christmas gifts drew us like magnets. The size, the shape, the weight, the color and design of the paper and the ribbon, all became part of the excitement of not knowing what was in the package. Linda and I would have great discussions with no certain answer to the question: What do you think it is?”

Story of the boy “Mother who is the baby?”

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- 1. Two thousand years ago, God came to the world as a gift uniquely wrapped.**
 - A. The package would begin with a virgin named Mary
 - B. A stable not a palace
 - C. A manger not a princely bed chamber
 - D. Swaddling clothes like an ordinary child. Restrict and limit motion.
 - E. A baby that could be held and touched, not a King on a throne.
- 2. On that first Christmas God didn’t come packaged the way the world expected Him and because of the package most people missed Him!**
- 3. Unwrapping the baby**
 - **Matthew shouts**, in Matt. 1:23 He is Emanuel “God with us!”

- **John described it this way in John 1.** In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

- **Apostle Peter said**, in 2 Pet. 1:16 “We were eye witnesses of His Majesty.

- **Isaiah declares**, (Isa 9:6 KJV) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

- **In (Col 1:15 KJV) Paul writes**, “Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:”

- **And again in**

(Col 2:9 KJV) For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

(Col 2:10 KJV) And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

- **Jesus said of himself** in (John 14:9 KJV) Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?