

What does Christmas Mean?  
Luke 1:43-49 (NIV)  
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This is the last few days before Christmas. Many are shopping, traveling or visiting family and friends. It is during this time we focus our attention on what makes others happy. We take the focus off ourselves and try to make either family, friends or someone less fortunate experience joy. However, we must not forget the true meaning of Christmas, Christ our Savior was born. Though we might not know the exact day or time, we do know Jesus was born. Therefore, we celebrate His birthday as we celebrate each other.

Luke 1:39-45 (NIV)

Understanding Christ's birth, helps us understand God's love for us.

1. Know that God favors you – Luke 1:23-25 (NIV)
2. Know you have found favor with God – Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)
3. Know that your favor is connected to someone else - Luke 1:44-45
4. Know you should glorify God – Luke 1:41-58, 66-80 (NIV)
  - a. Notice Mary was ready to praise God. She was overwhelmed with gratitude.
  - b. Notice Mary maintained her humility
  - c. Notice she remembered the promise to Abraham
  - d. Notice what Elizabeth says about what God has done
  - e. Notice what Zechariah says about what God has done
5. What does the coming of Christ mean to you?
6. What prophecy can you state that connects you with Christmas?