

The Gifts of Christmas

The Offensive Christmas Gift Matthew 1:18-23 Joshua Brooks

The Offensive Gift in the Christmas Story

- “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their _____.” (Matthew 1:21)

The Offense of Christmas

- We needed _____ to come to Earth to do for us what _____ could never do for ourselves.

Fulfilled Prophecy

- “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him _____’ (which means ‘_____ with us’). (Matt 1:22-23)

Why Would God Come as a Vulnerable, Helpless Baby?

- God’s coming was not about _____ judgment, but _____ it, taking upon Himself the just judgment for our sin, so we could be forgiven and reconciled to Him.

The Necessity of Courage

- Courage to admit that we need _____
- Courage to sacrifice our _____
- Courage to relinquish our _____

Next Steps

- 1) Stop being _____ by the tag on the gift that says, “To: Sinner”, and receive God’s gift of forgiveness and new life in Christ.
- 2) Ask God to open your eyes to all He’s done for you – and to grow His _____ within you.
- 3) Give a _____ gift to Jesus, in grateful response to His gift to you – by giving to our Advent Offering.

