

## Christmas Card Lessons

Have you ever considered the Lesson that can be found in Christmas Cards? They are useful to you! Keep watching.

Hi!

You know I am not into mailing traditional Christmas cards, and more into email, videos, and YouTube and Facebook. But I will share with you three ideas that should be found in Christmas cards.

First is the idea that Jesus temporarily vacated heaven for me. I can think of two reasons why He left, but I can't figure out which was more important to Him. Was it more important to Him to be guided by His Dad's love for me? John 3:16 ESV "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Or was it that Jesus himself saw me as priceless? Either way, I win.

And I am thankful He sees you as priceless, too.

My second Christmas card idea is how Jesus' life began in poverty and misery.

Have you considered His unwed mother making the long trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey and not in a Lexus or even a VW bug? There were no vacancies at the Ramada, La Quinta, or Motel 6. They made the drafty, cow-chip-filled barn behind the inn their home. When Jesus arrived, He was not wrapped in a new flannel blanket, but long pieces of cloth from ????? He was not laid in a fine, germ-free incubator or a frill-lined bassinet. Joseph and Mary placed Him in a feed trough with hay as a cushion. (Imagine how hard it was for Joseph to keep his donkey from eating Jesus' bed-stuffing.)

I identify with Jesus. I was one of those unfortunate children. I was born in '55 at a Catholic hospital, and immediately being put up for adoption may have meant I was the offspring of a teenage girl who had made a huge "mistake".

Now, I identify with Jesus. He still connects with me with me today. Hebrews 4:15 ESV For we do not have a high priest who is unable to

sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

My third Christmas-card idea considers the gifts Jesus received.

We are not told how many wise men came to Jesus. They gave three very expensive gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold was a vestige of Him being King. Frankincense is a costly fragrance used in worship of divinity. And myrrh was an antiseptic used in preservation of the deceased. Were these symbolic of who Jesus was and His death?

In the early years I received many treasures from my parents: the Lionel train, a white paper mustache, a Tonka truck, and the portable record player (that I wore out). There was the pine branch stuck in a bucket and covered with whipped Ivory Snow for “snow” that served as a Christmas Tree (Mom always had a very sensitive nose). But in that little house on Frazier Street, I lived like a young King.

I did not deserve such treatment. I am not a king. Jesus deserved that kind of treatment. He IS the king.

Aren't these three good reasons for Christmas?

I do hope you, all your family, and all the viewers of this video will have a magnificent and joy-filled Christmas.

Please, take time to remember what Christmas is really all about. It was not about getting presents. It is about Jesus being THE GIFT to you and me from God. Romans 6:23 ESV For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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