### Reasons to Remember

- Christmas – celebrates the birth of Christ
- We acknowledge His birth, but get caught up in culture
- I fear Christmas becomes ho-hum → NOT GOD BECAME FLESH!!!!

### Old Testament Prophecy

1. Born in Bethlehem
2. A Forerunner of Christ
3. Enter Jerusalem on a donkey
4. Betrayed by a friend

### Old Testament Prophecy

5. Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver
6. Silver used to buy a potter's field
7. Silent when on trial
8. Crucified

### Old Testament Prophecy

9. Born of a virgin
10. From the line of Abraham
11. A descendant of Isaac
12. A descendant of Jacob
13. From the tribe of Judah

### Old Testament Prophecy

14. Called Immanuel
15. Would live in Egypt
16. Children would be massacred at his birthplace
17. Rejected by his own people

### Old Testament Prophecy

18. Called a Nazarene
19. Would speak in parables
20. Praised by little children
21. Spat upon and struck
22. Soldiers would gamble for his garments
   - God promised the Messiah and the Messiah came

Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled. Joshua 21:45

### To Instill Integrity

- God gave His word, kept His word and set an example for us to do the same
- Nothing is impossible for God?
- How many would like to be like Christ?

“...it is impossible for God to lie...” Hebrews 6:18
God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? Numbers 23:19

The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy. Prov 12:22
- We are to be people of our word → to the married / not divorced
- Do you Fred take Maredith to be your wedded wife and do you promise to be her husband in good times and in bad, in need and in want, in sickness and in health, for better or for worse – to love, cherish & honor you all the days of your life?
- Prayer, coffee, lunch, phone calls, promises to kids, friends
- “Lying” most common sin in church??? Imagine POS impact on others?
- If you do blow it, then confess it!

All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Matthew 5:37

Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple “Yes” or “No.” Otherwise you will be condemned. James 5:12
- Fall into hypocrisy
- Never say ... I swear to you...
- Never say ... may I be honest with you?

A Word to Christians
- You proclaim that you are a Christ follower
- An accurate picture of Christ is one who has integrity
- Because He is worthy - consider two promises to make

A Word to Christians
1. Be here to worship
2. Be here, on time, to worship

Claim God’s Promises
- If God kept His word with 365 prophecies, He will keep all his promises

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24
- Gospel invitation

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? John 14:1-3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3