



I. **Holidays**

Key Truth: Christmas Matters Because Celebration
Reminds Us What It's All About

II. **A Day That Changed The World**

Luke 2:10-11

Point: The Birth of Christ Is a Day We Should Celebrate

III. **The Day That Changes Lives**

Titus 3:4-7

Point: The Day You Receive the Savior, Everything Changes

IV. **“Ordinary” Days**

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

The Grinches, Scrooges, and self-righteous, legalistic critics who claim it is inappropriate to celebrate Christmas are mistaken. Holidays are meaningful and important human institutions because of what their observance communicates. Simply put, Christmas matters because celebration reminds us of what it's all about.

The birth of Jesus is one of the most significant and world-shaping days in human history. Because the Incarnation occurred, the Atonement at Calvary could follow. And because of the Incarnation and the Atonement, the return of Christ is a certain future event. If followers of Christ can't or won't celebrate the days that mark what God has done and what He has promised yet to do, then we have lost sight of the joy that comes from being adopted into the family of God.

The day you entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is also a day worth remembering and celebrating. It permanently changed the trajectory of your eternity. It is a day worthy of being shared with others through your testimony, so they too might have the opportunity to receive Christ. When lived in obedience to the will of God, ordinary days are transformed into extraordinary ones.

Take a moment to reflect on the spiritual milestones of your life thus far. Has familiarity, routine, or even busyness dulled your sense of awe at the wonderful works of God? Consider the ways intentional celebration can bring those milestones into clearer view. Finally, ask yourself who around you might need to hear the story of the day God changed your life. This season is an opportunity to share that story with fresh clarity and joy.

Prayerfully express your thanks to God for the days He has used to shape your faith. Ask Him to renew your joy, sharpen your awareness of His grace, and give you courage to share your story with others. Pray that your celebration of Christ would point beyond the season to the Savior who has come, who saves, and who will surely come again.