Advent Conspiracy: Give More

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"The Incarnation is the historic Christian doctrine that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Second Person of the Trinity, that he has in time taken upon himself a complete human nature by being born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Dr. Jack Kilcrease, Jesus' Incarnation

"The doctrine of the incarnation teaches that through the work of the Holy Spirit, God the Son has become fully human in time in order to die for the sins of humanity and defeat death by the power of his resurrection." - Dr. Jack Kilcrease, Jesus' Incarnation

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel

Matthew 1:23

See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel,

God Gave us the gift of His presence.

John 3:16

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

The Gift of Jesus was personal.

Luke 2:11

Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

The Gift of Jesus was costly.

Philippians 2:6-8

who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. ⁷ Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, ⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

The Gift of Jesus bridged the gap.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds.

The Gift of Jesus bridged the gap.

Romans 4:25

He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

To "Give More" means...

- The gift emphasizes a relationship.
- The gift considers who the receiver is and what they care about.
- The gift is not about the giver but the other.
- The gift is the good news of Jesus Christ.