

Does Christmas Change Everything?

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BIG IDEA

Christmas changes everything about what is ultimately true, but not everything about what is presently experienced.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:3; Mark 4:26–29; Luke 1:26–38, 39–56; 2:1–20, 34–35; Matthew 1:23; 2:13–18; John 19:10–11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 4:4; 2 Peter 3:9

1. How can two people experience the same circumstances yet interpret what is happening in completely different ways? What shapes the meaning you assign to what you are living through right now?
2. Paul says that in Christ we are already a “new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17). What aspects of that newness are immediate, and what aspects seem to unfold slowly?
3. In Mark 4:26–29, Jesus emphasizes growth that happens apart from human control. What does this passage suggest about God’s role in transformation during seasons that feel dormant or unproductive?
4. Mary “pondered” and “treasured” what God was doing (Luke 2:19). What does her posture teach us about faithful reflection when God’s promises and painful realities overlap?
5. Why do you think Scripture consistently shows God acting decisively while allowing brokenness to persist for a time? What does this reveal about God’s purposes?
6. How does the flight to Egypt (Matthew 2:13–15) challenge the idea that God’s presence guarantees safety or ease?
7. Galatians 4:4 speaks of the “fullness of time.” How does understanding God’s kairos timing reshape the way you interpret delays or unanswered prayers in your own life?
8. 2 Peter 3:9 connects God’s patience with His desire for salvation. How does this passage reframe the tension between your personal pain and God’s global purposes?
9. What is one “Egypt” in your life right now—a place of waiting where God has acted but not yet resolved the story—and how are you tempted to respond to that delay?
10. If Christmas has already changed who you are, even while your circumstances remain unfinished, what would it look like this next season to live more from your identity in Christ than from what feels unresolved or impossible?