

# Giving Thanks at Christmas

## Matthew 1

*Focus: on giving thanks for Jesus as he is presented in the account of his birth*

### RESOURCES:

"That's My King"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzqTFNfeDnE>

"The Incarnation", spoken word by  
Odd Thomas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6-XtFfKVM4>

"God with us", spoken word by  
Isaac Wimberly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yhug7TdMuIU&list=PLFxfKZQWPMrzwBpT0fgR9mvmz95I4gbks&index=2>



### 2016 Annual Priority:

*To establish a greater devotion to believing and being shaped by the three great loves embedded in our mission statement's goal of becoming a mature and ministering worshiper of God; love for God, love for the church, and love of neighbor.*

### Discussion:

- What are the great perspective robbers for you at Christmas season?
- Read Matthew 1:1-17 and discuss what the genealogy reveals to us about Jesus and his birth, especially the titles from v. 1.
- Read Matthew 1.18-25 and list every insight you can glean about Jesus from this account of His birth.
- Discuss the meanings of the following descriptions/names given to Jesus: the Christ (16-18), from the Holy Spirit (18, 20), Jesus (21), the fulfillment (22), Immanuel (23).
- Which of these truths about Jesus are you most thankful for? How can you build meditation and reflection on this truth about Jesus this Christmas season?
- Spend time in thanksgiving for Christmas as you close. I've attached 3 thoughtful short videos for you to pick from as a prompt for thankfulness for the incarnation.