

# The Life Challenge

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10*

**Series:** His Name is...

**Title:** His Name is JESUS

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## WARM - UP

What was the best gift you received this Christmas? or What was a memorable gift from years past? or What made a visit with family or friends special this past Christmas season? What name of God is meaningful to you and why?

## DISCUSSION

Last Sunday Pastor Garth unpacked the significance of the name Emmanuel - God with us. How have you experienced God with you in the past year? He also challenged us to 'withness.' To commit to being with Jesus throughout 2023. What are some practical ways that you can be with Jesus this year?

What is the significance of the three gifts given to Jesus by the Wisemen? Matthew 2:9 - 12.

- Gold - a gift given to royalty signifying Jesus as King
- Frankincense - a type of incense burned as a sacrifice and used by priests during services of worship. It signified Jesus the High Priest
- Myrrh - used as an embalming ointment in preparing bodies for burial. It signified Jesus as our Saviour who would suffer and die in our place as the sacrifice for our sins.

## DISCUSSION

In Luke 2:11 the angel announces to the shepherds the birth of Jesus using three designations - Saviour, Messiah and Lord. Discuss the significance of each.

- Saviour - his character; bringer of salvation; delivers us from sin; to be set free to live for God's purposes
- Messiah - his mission, willingly gives his life for the redemption of humanity
- Lord - his authority, worthy of our allegiance, our worship, the one before whom every knee will bow.

In what other ways have you experienced Jesus as your best gift?

## APPLICATION

What gifts will you offer back to Jesus this year?

In 2023 with whom and in what ways will you share about the significance of the gift of Jesus?