

MORE THAN A HOLIDAY

Luke 4:42-44

**How is the celebration of
Christmas different for the
believer than it is for the rest
of the world?**

God's Promises Fulfilled

- Virgin Birth – Gen. 3:15, Isaiah 7:14
- Birthplace – Micah 5:2
- Lineage – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah (Genesis), David (II Sam.7)
- Eternality – Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2
- Rejection – Zech. 13:7, Psalm 118:22
- Death – Psalm 22, Isaiah 53
- Victory – Psalm 16:10, 68:18

Let's put this in perspective ...

The odds of winning the most recent
\$656 Mega Million Lottery was
1 in 175,711,536.

The odds of winning the next \$550
Million Powerball Lottery are
1 in 175,223,510.

“There are at least 332 fulfilled prophecies at Christ’s first coming. The possibilities of all these coming to pass in one person’s birth, life, and death are 1 in 884^{90} .”

Josh McDowell – Evidence That Demands a Verdict

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God's Salvation Provided

- God/Jesus came to earth.
Matt. 1:23; John 1:1-2,14; Phil. 2:5-8
- God/Jesus came for everyone.
Luke 2:10
- God/Jesus saves from sin/penalty.
Matt. 1:21; Romans 5:12, 6:23
- God/Jesus can deliver me from the wrath to come. John 3:36

Applications

1. Accept God's most valuable Christmas gift today ... Jesus!
2. Be encouraged in your faith in Christ.
3. Reinforce your faith with your family.