



**“How was your Christmas?”**

I’ll bet I’m not the only one on the receiving end of that question! It’s probably even one you asked a few times over this past week.

My answer (and maybe yours) typically goes something like this:

- *It was good ! (exclamation point optional)*
- *The Candlelight service was a great way to start things off !*
- *We were able to spend time / Zoom with ... (fill in names of relatives).*
- *We had ... (fill in the special foods you ate / made / choked down).*
- *I got ... (fill in gifts you received).*
- *It was fun to see ... (fill in reaction of kids / grandkids / spouse to gifts*
- *How about you ?*

But as I thought about my typical answer, I was reminded of a reply I received when I asked that question some thirty years ago while visiting one of my parents’ friends in the nursing home in my hometown:

“David (this was a said rather sternly while looking me in the eye), Christmas isn’t about presents and food or any of those other things! IT’S ABOUT JESUS. And He’s always good!”

I need to remember that answer for next year! It’s much better than the typical one I’ve been giving!

Thanks for asking,  
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