

# 24-1222a - Detailed Summary

## 24-1222a - *Our Father's Gift to the World, Part 1*, Jim Lokenbauer

**Bible Readers:** Kevin Woosley and Roger Raines

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Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 33:51)

### Scripture Readings:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (0:04 - 0:50), Kevin Woosley

**Matthew 7:7-11,**

- The passage from Matthew 7:7-11 is read, emphasizing the idea that asking, seeking, and knocking will lead to receiving, finding, and having doors opened.
- A comparison is made between earthly fathers giving their children bread or fish, not stones or serpents, illustrating the goodness of gifts from human parents despite their imperfections.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading (0:55 - 2:23), Roger Raines

**John 4:7-14,**

- A continuation with a passage from John, detailing the interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, highlighting cultural and religious barriers, and the promise of "living water."
- Jesus explains the concept of living water to the Samaritan woman, who questions his ability to provide water without a bucket, referencing Jacob's well.
- Jesus contrasts the physical water from the well with the spiritual "living water" he offers, which leads to eternal life.

## Summary

**Preacher:** Jim Lokenbauer

### 2:28 - 2:43 Introduction to the Theme of Gifts

- The speaker introduces the theme of gifts, linking it to the Christmas season.

## **2:44 - 3:00 Modern Christmas Season**

- Discussion on how the Christmas season has become an extended commercial event from post-Thanksgiving to New Year's.

## **3:01 - 3:36 Historical Context of Christmas in America**

- Notes that the modern celebration of Christmas in America evolved from the 17th century, initially causing concern over excess and behavior.
- German immigrants introduced their Christmas traditions to America.

## **3:38 - 4:03 Literary Influence on Christmas**

- Literature by authors like Moore and Irving helped popularize and shape Christmas celebrations, with specific mention of "The Night Before Christmas."

## **4:05 - 4:18 Additional Literary Contributions**

- Further mention of Washington Irving and Charles Dickens contributing to the Christmas narrative through their works.

## **4:18 - 4:41 Commercialization of Christmas**

- The commercialization of Christmas is highlighted, noting how its spiritual significance was overshadowed by commerce.

## **4:41 - 5:00 Corporate Influence on Christmas Imagery**

- Coca-Cola and Montgomery Ward's involvement in shaping modern Christmas imagery, particularly with Santa Claus and Rudolph.

## **5:00 - 5:17 Rudolph as a Marketing Tool**

- Explanation of how "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was initially created as a marketing strategy by Montgomery Ward.

## **5:19 - 5:47 Focus on Commercialization Over Spirituality**

- Critique of how modern Christmas has shifted focus from the spiritual gift of Jesus to commercial gains.

## **5:49 - 6:15 True Gift of Christmas**

- Emphasis on remembering the birth of Jesus, his life, and sacrifice as the true essence of Christmas.

## **6:16 - 6:49 Historical Date of Jesus' Birth**

- Acknowledgment that December 25th is not Jesus' actual birthday but was chosen by the Catholic Church for strategic reasons.

## **6:49 - 7:31 Importance of Jesus' Birth and Life**

- Assertion that the details of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection are crucial to Christianity.

## **7:33 - 8:14 Celebrating Jesus' Life and Death**

- Encouragement to celebrate and discuss Jesus' life and resurrection beyond specific holidays, critiquing the addition of non-biblical traditions.

## **8:16 - 9:01 Critique of Religious Holidays**

- Discussion on how Christmas and Easter, as celebrated, are seen as Catholic inventions with no biblical mandate for their celebration in worship.

## **9:02 - 9:31 Historical Spread of Christianity**

- Brief history on how Christianity spread and how holidays like Christmas were used as tools, sometimes under contentious circumstances.

## **9:32 - 10:02 Cultural Assimilation of Holiday Names**

- Comparison of Christmas and Easter to brand names like Kleenex, explaining the generic use of these terms.

## **10:03 - 10:50 Liberty to Celebrate**

- Encouragement to celebrate these days personally but with an understanding of their true significance, drawing from Paul's perspective in Philippians.

## **10:51 - 12:03 Evangelistic Opportunities**

- Discussion on how these holidays can be opportunities for evangelism, even if they started with less pure motives.

## **12:03 - 12:44 Cultural Use of Holiday Greetings**

- Advocating for the use of holiday greetings like "Merry Christmas" as opportunities to share the gospel.

## **12:44 - 17:59 Biblical Prophecies and Genealogy of Jesus**

- Detailed recounting of biblical prophecies and genealogies confirming Jesus as the Messiah, from Abraham and David, through various Old Testament scriptures like Isaiah, Micah, and Daniel, emphasizing Jesus' divine and royal lineage.

## **18:00 - 18:51 Prophecies and Names of the Messiah**

- Explanation of Old Testament prophecies linking back to promises made to Abraham and David, with references to the Messiah being called "Wonderful," a name previously used by the angel of the Lord in Judges concerning Samson.

## **18:51 - 19:32 Messiah as Counselor**

- Discussion on Jesus being referred to as "Counselor" in John 14:16, suggesting a connection and oneness with the Holy Spirit.

## **19:34 - 19:55 Jesus as the Counselor**

- Explanation that Jesus describes himself as "another Counselor," indicating his own role as a counselor to his disciples.

## **19:58 - 20:44 Oneness of the Holy Trinity**

- Paul's description in Romans 8:9-11 of the Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ, and Holy Spirit, emphasizing the unity and interchangeability within the Trinity.

## **20:45 - 21:16 Mighty God**

- Reference to the child being called "Mighty God" (El Shaddai) in Isaiah's prophecy, connecting this to the identity of God Almighty and Yahweh.

## **21:17 - 22:05 Names of God in Prophecy**

- Connection of "Mighty God" with "Yahweh," particularly in the context of the burning bush and God's revelation to Moses.

## **22:05 - 22:47 Everlasting Father**

- Discussion on Jesus identifying himself with the Father in John 14:9, reflecting the mysterious unity of the Trinity, and how this applies to the prophesied child.
- References from 1 Chronicles and Isaiah to illustrate the eternal nature of God, further linking these qualities to the baby born in Bethlehem.

## **23:47 - 24:25 Additional Prophetic Names**

- Further exploration of "Everlasting Father" from different Old Testament passages, affirming the eternal nature of the Messiah.

## **24:25 - 25:06 Prince of Peace**

- Introduction of the title "Prince of Peace" for the child, with a narrative from Joshua's encounter with the commander of Yahweh's army.

## **25:07 - 26:14 Divine Encounters**

- Explanation of the divine nature of the figure Joshua encountered, linking it to Jesus as the Prince of Peace and the pre-incarnate Christ.

## **26:15 - 26:57 Spiritual Peace**

- Discussion on the prophecy in Haggai about peace, indicating Jesus' role in reconciling God and humanity.

## **26:58 - 27:32 Jesus as the Prince of Peace**

- Scriptural references from 2 Thessalonians and Ezekiel emphasizing Jesus' role in establishing peace.

## **27:33 - 28:41 Covenant of Peace**

- Explanation of how Jesus, as the Prince of Peace, fulfills the covenant of peace, bringing reconciliation between God and man.

## **28:41 - 29:39 Prince of Light**

- Reference to Acts where Jesus is called the "Prince of Light," reinforcing his role in covenant and salvation.

## **29:39 - 30:01 Prince and Savior**

- Further affirmation from Acts 5:31 of Jesus's dual role as prince and savior, bringing repentance and forgiveness of sins.

## **30:02 - 32:00 Annunciation to Mary**

- Detailed recounting of the Annunciation from Luke 1:26-38, describing the divine announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary, emphasizing her role and the miraculous nature of the conception.

## **32:01 - 33:43 Joseph's Dream and Acceptance**

- Narrative from Matthew 1:18-25 where Joseph is reassured in a dream about Mary's pregnancy, fulfilling prophecy, and his decision to accept Mary as his wife.

## **33:44 - 33:51 Invitation for Prayer**

- Concluding the session with an invitation for prayer requests, signaling the end of this part of the discourse with an invitation for further engagement.