

Blue Christmas
December 12, 2021

1. Which of the following reasons why people feel so blue at Christmas do you identify with the most?
 - a. Too much comparison shopping.
 - b. High Stress.
 - c. End of year anxiety leads to negative thinking.

2. *And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7 KJV)*
Question: What room do you have in your life for Jesus?

3. *This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too. (Luke 2:34-35)*
Question: How would you feel if you received this message about your child?

4. *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19)*
Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing. (Luke 4:21)

But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. (Luke 4:30)

“Who are my mother and my brothers?...Here are my mother and brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mark 3:34-35)

Question: How did Jesus cause conflict among people?
Question: In what ways has Jesus caused conflict within your life?

5. *He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. (Isaiah 53:8)*
 Pastor John said, “Jesus Christ came to be rejected so that we could be accepted.”
Question: How has Christ’s being rejected for you affected your life personally?

6. Discuss this statement by Pastor John...**“Because He was spoken against, you can be spoken for. Because He was rejected you can be accepted. Because there was no room for Him, you can dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”**

7. What kind of Christmas do you expect to have this year?