

1. No Middle Ground.

1. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Matt. 12:30

2. How people do the same thing today.

1. They draw nigh with their mouth.
2. They honor me with their lips.
3. But their heart is far from me. Matt. 15:8

4. THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON:

1. People talk about the Christ Child and what he has meant to the world.
2. People sing about Jesus: churches; Radio; TV
3. The world is far (Their hearts are far from me) from Jesus today.

3. It Is Not Enough To Pay Lip Service To Jesus. Many of his contemporaries complimented him highly.

1. Nicodemus recognized Jesus as a teacher come from God. John 3:3
2. Many complimented Jesus highly:
 1. Some said he was John the Baptist.
 2. Others said that he was Elijah.
 3. Others felt that he was Jeremiah.
 4. Others had such high regard for Jesus that they acknowledged as one of the prophets though they were not sure which one. Matt. 16:14
3. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matt. 16:16
 1. A wonderful confession...but that confession alone not sufficient.
 2. "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say unto you?" Luke 6:46

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