

Putting Jesus Back in the Box

The Christmas holiday has come and gone. Time to take down those decorations, Christmas trees, blow-up yard ornaments, and lights, including those religious scenes and figurines. Along with the tinsel and multicolored lights, the little statues of the baby Jesus will be placed in boxes and storage bins and stored away till next December. Folks will stop posting memes that say “Jesus is the Reason for the Season” and “Put Christ Back in Christmas” on social media. The time of year in which so much attention is given to Jesus Christ has past. Sadly, many people will not attend church, pray, or even mention Jesus until the traditional Easter holiday. They will return to their busy lifestyles full of work and play. It would seem that they have put Jesus in a box, only to let Him out on a couple of religious holidays during the year.

It has been said that we should be thankful that so many think about Christ, even if it’s for a short time. However, such traditions practiced only occasionally do not find favor with the Lord. Jesus said if any person desires to follow Him, they must deny themselves, pick up their cross and follow Him every day. (Luke 9:23) What a worthy goal it is to have Christ in the forefront of our daily activities, including bible reading, prayer, evangelism, benevolence and regular worship.

Jay Launius – 2023

Maud Church of Christ

Maud, Texas