



## SERMON NOTES

# Christmas at the Movies

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### 1. THERE IS A CRISIS.

*Matthew 24:8-14*

*8 All these are the beginning of birth pains. 9 “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”*

### 2. WE HAVE TO CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE.

*Psalms 51:12*

*12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

### 3. WE HAVE TO SMELL.

#### • SACRIFICE

*Genesis 8:20-21*

*20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. 21 The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.”*

#### • PRAYER

*Psalms 141:1-2*

*1 I call to you, LORD, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you. 2 May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.*

#### • THE GOSPEL

*2 Corinthians 2:14-16*

*14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. 15 For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?*

#### **4. WE HAVE TO BELIEVE.**

*John 20:26-29*

*26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

*Hebrews 11:1*

*1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

#### **5. WORSHIP BUILDS BELIEF.**