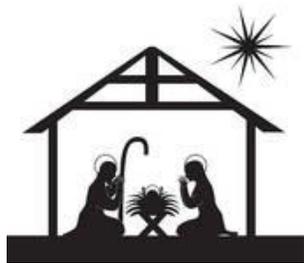


“WUDJA GET?” (Jesus is the Reason)



Shortly after the Christmas Season begins on 25 December (that's right Christmas begins (not ends) on 25 December), the question most frequently heard from the lips of "kids from one to ninety-two", believers and non-believers alike will be: "Wudja get?" Children will return to school and hear: "Wudja get?" Adults will return to work and hear: "Wudja get?" Even Priests will be asked after Sunday Mass: "Wudja get?"

The question on our lips ("Wudja get?") will be the same, but the answer to the question will be as varied as the people of whom it is asked. At school, seven year old Catherine will be asked, "Wudja get?" and she will answer: "I got a Barbie Doll" while ten year old Johnny at school answers, "I got a new baseball glove", and twelve year old Theresa answers, "I got a pair of ice skates". When Carlos is asked at work, "Wudja get?" he will mention a rose-coloured tie and sport coat that he got from his wife, while Rosa at work will show off the engagement ring she got from her boyfriend. And the Priests, well most of us when asked: "Wudja get?" will respond, "I got cookies and wine, wine and cookies, some more cookies and some more wine." (Please be assured of our gratitude for those cookies, that wine, and for you who gave us what we got!)

Amongst these and the countless other replies that we will hear to the question, "Wudja get?" there is one answer that probably won't be offered or heard by any child, adult, or even Priest. Yet it is the one answer that should be on the lips of everybody. The Answer is: "I got Jesus."

Jesus is the Reason why Saint Joseph "went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, ... to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed." (Saint Luke II:4-5). **Jesus is the Reason** there was "a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace to those on whom His favour rests." (Saint Luke II:13-14) **Jesus is the Reason** why *shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem, made known the message that had been told them, and returned to work glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.* (cf. Saint Luke II:15-20) **Jesus is the Reason** that "when Saint Joseph awoke, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Saint Matthew I:24) **Jesus is the Reason** *Magi from the east were overjoyed at seeing the star, went into the house, prostrated themselves, opened their treasures, and offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.* (cf. Saint Matthew II:1-12) **Jesus is the Reason** Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour ... The Almighty has done great things for me." (Saint Luke I: 46-49)

Yes, **Jesus is the Reason** (for the Season as they say), yet how sad it is that after two thousand years, there are people who still "don't get it! If you "got it", then please when people ask you: "Wudja get?, be sure to let them know: "I got Jesus!

Happy Christmas!

Father Arcoleo



Got Jesus!