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SERIES Ask anyone what Christmas is about and they'll tell you it's about the coming of Jesus! That is true, but it's only part of the story. Would it surprise you to know that Christmas is really about waiting? It's about living in the "not yet" and waiting for the now. What are you waiting for?

Jesus never claimed to be the Messiah. And yet in John 10:22 – 38, his dialogue with the people gives a strong indication that he was. Today's message examines what that means for us today.

1. Summarize this morning's message in 6 life-changing words.
2. In what ways do you relate to the message? In what ways does it challenge you? Are there spiritual adjustments you need to make based on what you've learned?
3. Research other stories and scripture passages that address today's topic. How do they support or contradict today's teaching and/or scripture passage? If they contradict, how can you reconcile them into a unified truth? State that truth in one or two sentences.
4. How do you think a contemporary worldview would respond to this morning's message? Explain your reason. How would you respond to that worldview from a scriptural point of view?
5. What was one insight you gleaned from today's sermon? How is it significant to living the Christian life? How do you plan to implement it in your life?
6. Re-read John 10:22- 38. What additional points can be made from the text?
7. Can you think of other biblical passages that parallel John 10:22-38? How are the two similar? How are they different?

In Matthew 16:15 Jesus asked his disciples this penetrating question: Who do you say I am? As you celebrate the Christmas season, how do you answer that question?