Sermon: ***What was that all about?***

Watching films – sometimes I cannot work them out – TEXT. Christmas can be like that too.

Sometimes there’s a family ‘crisis’ & you can’t sort it out; or a present or conversation that baffles. So you say – what was that all about?

Also true of the original Christmas story. Amid the familiar story & traditional nativity scenes – you might say what was that all about?

Why did Jesus come?

[1] It is God who has come – Immanuel = God is with us. (see Matthew 1.21-23)

This is the God who made us, gave us life (see John 1.2-4)

So rephrase – why did God come in Jesus?

* Did God come because he was curious about humanity? (as we might be curious about our pets)
* Did God come to sort us out like a personal trainer after the Christmas extra weight?

[2] God has come to save us (see Matthew 1-21-23, Luke 2.11, Luke 2.30)

When saving money there are two purposes: you save self *from* spending, you save *to* do something.

We need saving with two purposes: saving *from* ourselves, our weaknesses/failings, sin;

saving *to* bring life and light (see John 1.3-4), and reconnect with God, self & others in community.

[3] God came to help us trust him

Under Samuel, Israel wanted kings, though Samuel warned they would fail. Messiah would be a new king, not like the rest – see our Advent Study on Isaiah 9.6. (see Luke 1.31-33)

Why is this important? We need to trust in God alone, for the important things of life.
Last winter we looked at – Ecclesiastes (What’s the Point? Is this life all there is? It’s not fair! Who’s in charge here?)

In the end Christ came to make life for us more worthwhile living, now and for eternity.

If you watched the film of your life, would they say what was that all about, or would it make sense?