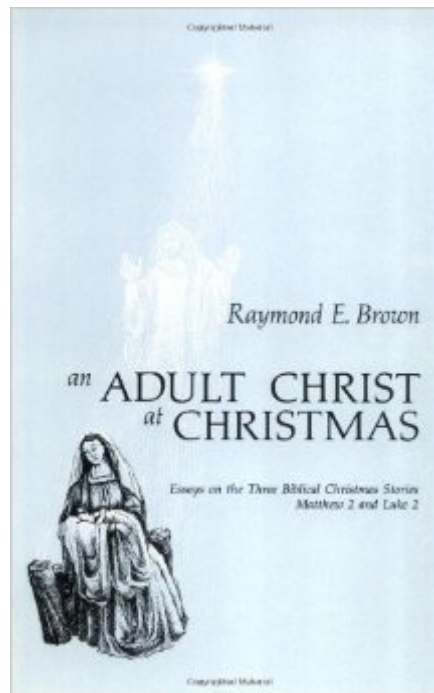


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# An Adult Christ At Christmas: Essays On The Three Biblical Christmas Stories - Matthew 2 And Luke 2



## Synopsis

In this digest of his longer work, *The Birth of the Messiah*, Father Brown puts the adult Christ back into Christmas, treating the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke as the entire Gospel story in miniature.

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One of Raymond Brown's most enduring and significant works is *THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH*. It is without a doubt the most helpful work for preparing Advent and Christmas homilies as well as Bible studies based on the Advent and Christmas seasons. Though it's filled with great information, it's not quick reading by any stretch of the imagination. A quick reference guide would be more than appreciated by most readers and *AN ADULT CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS* and a volume that precedes it, *A COMING CHRIST IN ADVENT*, both published by Liturgical Press, serve this purpose. *AN ADULT CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS* looks at the second chapters of Matthew and Luke's Gospels which deal with the birth of Jesus. Brown acknowledges the historical difficulties associated with these stories: Why did people not notice and record the star or Herod's massacre of the infants but doesn't allow these factors to take away from the overall message of Jesus' birth. He pays attention to the theology of the stories, namely that the Infancy Narratives for both Matthew and Luke summarize what we will discover in the Gospels themselves, specifically that upon learning of Jesus Christ some will respond and others will not. Brown further states that these stories challenge readers today in the same manner, so they're not cute stories as much as important lessons for

mature believers, hence the titles. The three essays in this book, the first of which focuses on Matthew's narrative, the second which looks at Luke's birth narrative and the Presentation in the Temple, and what Brown calls the "Third Christmas Story" or the finding of Christ in the Temple, were originally published as articles in the journal *WORSHIP*. They're informative and great for group discussion or homily ideas.

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