

“I Have Jesus All Tied Up”



We wrap up gifts to hide their identity

- **Aren't you thankful that God does not get our gifts mixed up for us!**
- **Jesus' reception was less than cordial by many**
- **the "Messianic Secret"**



Human beings for centuries have tried to put limits on Jesus

- false narrative
- save face and the family name
- an untethered Jesus



Jesus' family did have him for a few years

- the messiness of life
- Joseph & Mary--train him
- Home is...



Herod certainly could not have Jesus

- Herod did not want to worship Jesus!
- Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him
- He became furious & killed



What does it mean for us to “untie” Jesus?

- Free him up from our expectations
- Free him up from our biases and prejudices
- Free him up from traditions that bind

