

Merry Christmas





Fruitcake

A rich cake containing nuts, dried or candied fruits, and spices optionally soaked in your favorite spirit





The Christmas Connection

Making Fruitcake is a time-consuming process

In medieval times, labor-intensive desserts made from fine ingredients tended to be saved for special occasions like holidays





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The other Christmas Connection was they were and still are popular as gifts

In times gone by giving a fruit cake was a personal thing

Everybody had a unique recipe



FRUITCAKE

Finding the Fruit in

CHRISTMAS 



Lost fruit

Anti-Christmas

Instead of love, the world seems full of hate

**Instead of Joy Christmas is a time when many
feel sorrow**

Instead of Peace we have chaos

Hurry up and get it done mode!





Lost fruit

Anti-Christmas

Kindness has been replaced by greed

Goodness set aside for selfishness

Faithfulness → Chase “The NEXT BIG THING”

Gentleness → Demanding

Self-Control → Excessively



Lost Christmas





The Shepherds

Luke 2:10-13





Goodness

**They told the shepherds
they had good news**





Joy

**The angels said
it was a cause for great
joy for all people**





Joy

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”





Peace

They proclaimed peace on earth to those whom his favor rest



Why is Christmas so unpeaceful?





Peace

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6





Peace

**You cannot choose to live
in chaos and then expect
God to grant you peace**





Gentleness

You will find a baby wrapped
in cloths and lying in a
manger





Gentleness

**The angels said you are looking
for a baby**

**He would be humbly lying in a
manger filled with straw**

**There would be no royal
robe just strips of linen cloth**





Gentle Lamb of God

I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, “Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.”

Jeremiah 11:19





Live fruit
Seek Christ
Find Christmas

