Footnotes: Merry Christmas

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Hey Friends,
I hope you are enjoying the holidays and getting a chance to catch up on some of those books you’ve set aside this year. I’m not going to take too much of your time today. I have a few nice issues of Footnotes coming together, but they need a little more time to bake—so expect them in the new year.

A few of you have asked about getting access to previous issues of Footnotes. Good news. You can find those issues here. I’ll include a button at the bottom of future issues so you can access them easily.

Thanks for reading. And Merry Christmas!

A Few More Footnotes
2. Fleming Rutledge appeals to men to read more literary fiction, and makes some recommendations for where to start.
3. Rodney Plemet and I have been preaching through Handel’s Messiah during December. There’s a lot more to the story than just the Hallelujah Chorus.
4. Pew Research Forum ran a piece a few years ago about educational attainment and opportunity across global religious communities. This sort of information is valuable since it is so difficult for any of us to get much perspective on the world outside our very limited experiences, anecdotes, friendships, and exposures. A few takeaways. Among most religious groups, women are closing the gender gap. Non-natives who live in a foreign country by choice tend to outpace the native culture in education; The explanation of Jewish flourishing suggests that Jewish people have higher levels because they mostly inhabit economically-privileged areas like the US and Israel. Maybe. But such an explanation might downplay the role Jewish people have played in creating environments where education is valued. See Amy Chua and Jed Rubenfeld’s The Triple Package for an interesting read on this.
5. Can the GOP count on Evangelicals in future elections?
8. A professor push back against The Coddling of the American Mind.
9. Scot McKnight on Christians and sinning.
10. I chatted with Mark Adams about some trends in book publishing.