

SERIES: SONGS OF CHRISTMAS
SERMON 3: SONG OF JOY
LUKE 2:1-20

GETTING STARTED

How is a person's significance measured? By what standard do we evaluate the influence or importance of an individual?

DIGGING IN

Read Luke 2:1-7.

Based on these eight verses, who would you assume is the most important person in the story?

Why do you think Luke, the writer of this story, starts with Caesar Augustus and ends with Jesus in the manger?

What is the significance of the following details?

- Bethlehem (see Micah 2:2)
- City of David, lineage of David (see 2 Samuel 7:8-17; see also Luke 2:11)

Read Luke 2:8-14.

Why do you think that God chose for the angel to appear to shepherds?

Which people were to receive the good news of great joy? What news was being announced?

In what ways does Jesus bring heaven and earth together (see verse 14: glory in heaven and peace on earth)? Can you name two or three?

Read Luke 2:15-20.

Jesus' birth announcement by the angels sets off a chain reaction in the lives of several groups of people. List all the people in these verses along with their actions or responses.

LIVING IT OUT

As you approach the Christmas season, how are you responding to the good news of great joy that Jesus, our Savior, Christ the Lord, has come?

Are you seeking hard after him like the shepherds that hurriedly went to find Jesus? Are you wondering about these things on a surface level, as many of the hearers did, without letting the truth impact your heart? Are you mulling them over deep within your soul as Mary did? Is your heart stirred and faith deepened this Christmas by the reality of who Jesus is?

What is one thing you can do over the next week or so that can help you to seek after Jesus in a meaningful way?

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