

"The First Christmas"
Luke 2:8-20
Christmas Eve Service: December 24, 2011

Luke 2:1-20

1. Verses 8-17 – The Discovery Of Jesus:

Luke 2:8-10

"of a great joy" – "greatest or very great, exceeding great"

Luke 2:11

700 years before - Micah 5:2

Matt. 1:21

Romans 3:10-12

Luke 2:12

"And this will be a sign for you": The purpose of a sign is to impart information. Isaiah 7:14

Luke 2:13-16

Isa. 55:8

Luke 2:17

2. Verse 18 – The Wonder Of Jesus:

Luke 2:18

"Wondered" – "to be amazed, marvel, to be astonished, to admire"

Two Types of Wonder:

1. Temporary Wonder – a fascination with something unusual -
2. Holy Wonder – amazement at the acts of God – "beyond human comprehension, borders on adoration if not identical"

Wonder – “wondered at the things” – The Incarnation – God Taking On Human Flesh. “God With Us,” Who can fully explain the wonder of this event?

3. Verse 19 – The Reflection Of Jesus:

Luke 2:19

“treasured up all these things,” – “to keep in mind less we forget”

Pondering – “it means to throw together, to confer with one’s self, to bring together”

1. “Mary treasured up all these things.” (Memory)
2. “treasured all these things in her heart.” (Affections)
3. “treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.” (Intellect)

4. Verse 20 – The Worship Of Jesus:

Luke 2:20

Mark 5:1-20

Glorify - in the beginning meant to "think, be of the opinion" later it took on the meaning to "honor, praise, to make anyone important"

We need to believe the truth and be of the right opinion of God. That’s what worship is Worth-Ship to express a right opinion of God.

Application:

1. I Am A Sinner. Romans 3:23
2. The Message of Christmas – The Depths Of Human Sin Was So Great That God Intervened Through The Sending Of His Only Son Jesus, To Die For Us So That We Could Be Made Right Before God.
3. If I Will Repent, (Turn From My Sins) And Believe In Jesus Christ (The Savior) I Will Receive The Greatest Gift Of All, Jesus Our Salvation.