

Sermon Series:
“Giving Your Life Away”
He Gave Away Glory for a Manger

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Luke 2:1-20



Time in the Word

Read & Observe

Take a moment to read through Luke 2:1-20. I know it is a familiar story, but read it a few times with your thoughts focused on this—what kind of an entrance into the world is this for the King of Kings?

Answer

1. Read the first two paragraphs (Luke 2:1-7).
 - a. Now go find a map of Israel during days of Jesus (google is great for this). How long of journey is it from Nazareth to Bethlehem? What would that be like for a woman 8 months pregnant?
 - b. Those infamous words “because there was no room for them in the inn” have captured our attention for centuries. Once again, what does this tell us about the King of King’s journey from the throne to the earth? Why didn’t He come with the trappings of royalty?
 - c. Put yourself in Joseph and Mary’s spot. First Joseph—what must he be thinking about the imminent birth of this child? What kind of emotions must have been running through him? Now answer the same for Mary.
2. The Shepherds (2:8-20)
 - a. The first revelation of the birth of Christ was given to shepherds. Of all the folks who could have gotten the first “look” at the baby, why did God choose shepherds?
 - b. When the angels appeared it say the shepherds were “terrified”. What do you think the “terror” was replaced by after the angels described what had happened down in the village below?
 - c. As the shepherds processed all that happened that night, how do you think they came to understand the arrival of the Messiah in such humble circumstances?



Time for the Heart

Do you ever catch yourself feeling like somehow you got “short changed” in life—that others have been given so much more than you? When you get into that place, how do you remind your soul of a God who gave up glory for you? How about when you are given an opportunity to help another, yet it will mean you have to do with less—do you find the example of Jesus helps you give “sacrificially”? If not, why not?



Time for my World

Let's open our eyes to our world. We who live in America, live in the upper couple percent when it comes to material possessions. As Christians, who serve the humble Savior, what should our lifestyle look like at a time when poverty and starvation are still very much a part of the human experience? Does Jesus' birth have any message for how we should approach life?