
'The First Christmas Rush'

Know the Real Jesus

Luke 2:1-20 ESV

Gods plans compel many out of their comfort zone:

1) Gods sovereignty is displayed in the decisions of others:

1In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2This was the first registration registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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2) Angels leave home to proclaim on earth good news:

8And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10And the angel said to them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

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3) Shepherds immediately sought to verify for themselves:

15When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

It's time to exhale and reflect on some things:

a) Professing Jesus personally

17And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

18And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

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b) Pondering His words & works like treasure?

19But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

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c) Praising Him as we return to work, school and home.

20And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.