

Will You Celebrate the Right Christmas?

Luke 2:1-20

Sunday, December 20, 2015

INTRODUCTION:

THIS Christmas has 4 stunning, life-changing marks that set it apart from that other Christmas:

1. Scandal, 2:1-5.

2. Humility, 2:6-7.

“If we imagine that Jesus was born in a freshly swept, county fair stable, we miss the whole point. It was wretched - scandalous! There was sweat and pain and blood and cries as Mary reached up to the heavens for help. The earth was cold and hard. The smell of birth mixed with the stench of manure and acrid straw made a contemptible bouquet. Trembling carpenter’s hands clumsy with fear, grasped God’s Son slippery with blood - the baby’s limbs waving helpless as if falling through space - His face grimacing as He gasped in the cold and His cry pierced the night. It was clearly a leap down - as if the Son of God rose from His splendor on high, stood poised at the rim of the universe irradiating His glorious light and dove headlong, speeding through the stars to earth where He plunged into huddle of animals. Nothing could be lower.” (Hughes)

3. Grace, 2:8-14.

4. Joy, 2:10-12.

➔ Three questions for you based on the rest of the passage:

1. Do I want to see more of the Savior like the shepherds, 2:15-16?

2. Will I testify of the Savior like the shepherds, 2:17-20?

3. Will I deeply treasure God’s goodness in the birth of His Son like Mary, 2:19?