



Christmas According to Luke

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Luke 2:1-20
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Outline

Read the sermon passage and review the main points of the sermon below:

Do the events of Jesus' birth have meaning specifically for you?

I. If you ever feel forgotten, remember the marginalized and the misfits were first told of the Savior's birth.

II. There is good news for all, but that does not mean everyone

The Birth Announcement:

- A. Born is a Savior – saved from what?**
- B. Christ the Lord**

III. Investigating the gospel message brings you up close to the truth, which can change how you live (2:15-20).

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. Have you ever received a gift that seemed to come from the Island of Misfit Toys?!
- B. What do you think really happened when Joseph couldn't find room at an inn?
- C. What does *marginalized* mean to you? What people in our society fit this description?
- D. Why are we comfortable with little baby Jesus in the manger, but not with Jesus as King?

II. Application Questions

- A. How does the Christmas message confront you?
- B. Are there ways you can feel like a misfit in your family, at church, at work, in your neighborhood?
How does the Christmas story impact how the Lord would like to help you see the Savior and worship?
- C. How is the Lord calling you to seek the Lord? What need, unmet desire, conflict, chronic issue, etc is the Lord using to draw you to Jesus? What step is He calling you to take?

III. Gospel Connection – *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*
Luke 2:11. What we need the most is to be rescued not from something outside of us, but from us!

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. Is there someone in your family that you're going to interact with this Christmas who seems to be a misfit? How can you pray for them and be a blessing to them?
- B. Are there family members that don't know Jesus as Savior—pray!!
- C. Pray that this Christmas we would truly worship—that our lives would be changed by coming from our lowly, hurting, or lonely circumstances to be in the presence of God, Immanuel.