

11. Are you making time to spend time with Jesus, contemplating His incarnation, and thanking and praising Him? Or are you too busy?

12. Who are you praying for that you may share the good news with them this Christmas season?

Quotes to Ponder

The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world with a purpose, and that purpose was to do God's will: to be our Savior. We miss the most important thing about Christmas if we fail to see that.

James Montgomery Boice

The Maker of the universe

*As man for man was made a curse;
The claims of laws which He had made
Unto the uttermost He paid.*

*His holy fingers made the bough
Where grew the thorns that crowned His brow;
The nails that pierced His hands were mined
In secret places He designed.*

*He made the forests whence there sprung
The tree on which His body hung;
He died upon a cross of wood,
Yet made the hill on which it stood!
The sky which darkened o'er His head
By Him above the earth was spread;
The sun which hid from Him its face
By His decree was poised in space!*

*The spear which spilt His precious blood
Was tempered in the fires of God;
The grave in which His form was laid
Was hewn in rocks His hands had made!
The throne on which He now appears
Was His from everlasting years!
But a new glory crowns His brow
And every knee to Him shall bow!*

F. W. Pitt



Advent #3: Luke 2:1-20

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1. God is at Work — Worship Him

2. God is in Control — Trust Him

3. God Loves Us — Love Him

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. How did the innkeeper(s) miss Christmas (*Luke 2:7*)?

Why did he (they) do this?

3. Were the Jewish shepherds the only ones to be notified of the Savior's birth (*Matthew 2:1-2; Luke 2:8-20*)?

What does the fact that both Jews and Gentiles were notified suggest?

4. What was significant about Jesus being discovered by humble shepherds (*John 10:11*)?

5. What was significant about Jesus being discovered by foreign king-makers (*John 19:19; Philippians 2:9-11*)?

6. What is the contrast with the midnight being turned into day at the birth of Jesus (*Matthew 27:45-46; Luke 2:9*)?

7. Why were shepherds despised in the culture of Jesus' day?

8. What was the good news the angel announced to the shepherds (*Luke 2:10*)?

What did the shepherds do with this good news (*Luke 2:17-18, 20*)?

What should we do with this good news? What is said about those who continue to spread this good news (*Romans 10:15*)?

9. What is shown by the shepherds in their taking immediate steps to the news the angels brought (*Luke 2:15*)?

10. What impact did God make through the faithful witness of the shepherds (*Luke 2:18*)?