

10. How can you pray for ABC this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Though creation may be a majestic organ of praise, it cannot reach the compass of the golden canticle—Incarnation! There is more in that than in creation, more melody in Jesus in the manger, than there is in worlds on worlds rolling their grandeur round the throne of the Most High.

We have nearly arrived at the great merry-making season of the year. On Christmas-day we shall find all the world ... enjoying themselves with all the good cheer which they can afford. Servants of God, you who have the largest share in the person of Him who was born at Bethlehem, I invite you to the best of all Christmas fare--to nobler food than makes the table groan--bread from heaven, food for your spirit. Behold, how rich and how abundant are the provisions which God has made for the high festival which He would have His servants keep, not now and then, but all the days of their lives!

Charles Spurgeon

Was there silence in heaven when the Son left His glory? Did the solemnity of the moment and the eternal ramifications cause a hush? Did all heaven mourn His departure, even while angels sang His praises on earth? Or was there confident praise and adoration among the host of heaven and the Godhead? Knowing that the salvation of mankind was imminent, did His departure elicit the same praise and exaltation that visited the shepherds only moments later? What was the mood in heaven? Would the knowledge that death could not hold Him, or the joy of the salvation that He would provide, overrule the pain of the separation? Human wisdom has no answer.

Dan Schaeffer

These men, poor shepherds though they were, had seen God incarnate. They had heard the music of heaven. They had seen the angels and had come to worship the angels' King. How could their tongues be silent when they had heard such music? How could they refuse to tell what they had seen.

James Montgomery Boice



Advent #4: Matthew 1:18-2:4

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

2. How does the text and sermon apply to your everyday life?

3. What is Jesus called in the following verses?

Psalm 24:7-8 —

Revelation 17:14 —

Psalm 47:1-2 —

Revelation 19:16 —

Luke 2:11 —

4. What does it mean that Jesus is *the Christ* (*Mark 8:29*)?

5. What does it mean that Jesus is *born King of the Jews* (*Matthew 2:2*)?

6. Read *Matthew 1:18-2:23* and *Luke 1-2*. Who recognized who Jesus really was in these Nativity passages?

7. What is taught about Jesus in the following verses?

Matthew 25:31-34 —

Matthew 23:39-43 —

Matthew 27:42 —

John 6:15 —

Luke 1:31-33 —

John 12:12-16 —

Luke 19:38 —

John 18:36 —

Luke 23:2 —

Revelation 11:15 —

Luke 23:36-38 —

8. If Jesus is your *Christ (Messiah)*, what difference does it make in the way you live your life?

9. If Jesus is your *King*, what difference does it make in the way you live your life?