

7. How can you pray for ABC this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*The immense step from the Babe at Bethlehem to the living, reigning triumphant Lord Jesus, returning to earth for His own people - that is the glorious truth proclaimed throughout Scripture. As the bells ring out the joys of Christmas, may we also be alert for the final trumpet that will announce His return, when we shall always be with Him.*

Alan Redpath

*The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity--hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory--because at the Father's will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross.*

J.I. Packer

*Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts, the gift of God to man - His unspeakable gift of His Son, and the gift of man to God - when we present our bodies a living sacrifice.*

Vance Havner

*He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.*

Augustine

*You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father's face and tell him you have received his Christmas gift.*

John R. Rice

*Infinite, and an infant. Eternal, and yet born of a woman. Almighty, and yet hanging on a woman's breast. Supporting a universe, and yet needing to be carried in a mother's arms. King of angels, and yet the reputed son of Joseph. Heir of all things, and yet the carpenter's despised Son.*

Charles Spurgeon

*God is none other than the Savior of our wretchedness. So we can only know God well by knowing our iniquities... Those who have known God without knowing their wretchedness have not glorified Him, but have glorified themselves.*

Blaise Pascal



Advent #5: Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:11; 1 John 4:14

December 25, 2016

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. Find the words in *Luke 2:11* that match the following:

A. The fact of Jesus' birth:

B. The purpose of His birth:

C. Three descriptive titles of Jesus:

4. Answer the following questions from *Luke 19:1-20*:

A. What three things are learned about Zacchaeus (1-3)?

B. Describe Zacchaeus' response to Jesus (6).

C. What was the crowd's attitude regarding Jesus spending time with Zacchaeus (7)?

D. What did Zacchaeus call Jesus in *verse 8*? Does this title prove His deity or humanity?

E. What words prove that Zacchaeus trusted in Jesus as his Savior?

F. What are the immediate fruits of salvation in Zacchaeus' life (8)?

G. What did Jesus call Himself (10)?

H. Is *Son of Man* a title of deity, humanity, or both? Why?

I. What is the two-fold purpose of Jesus' coming to earth (10)?

J. What did seeking to save Zacchaeus require of Jesus (5)?

5. What do the following verses teach about the saving nature of our God?

*2 Samuel 7:23* —

*Hosea 14:2* —

*Job 19:25* —

*Joel 2:12-13* —

*Isaiah 44:21-23* —

*Jonah 2:9* —

*Isaiah 45:21* —

6. In what practical ways might you display your love for Jesus, your Savior, during the holiday season & beyond?