

List & Pray

Family

Friends

Associates

**Sermon
Notes**
December 3, 2017

Following in the steps of Jesus

God's Wonderful Plan of Redemption

Luke 2:1-20

INTRODUCTION

REVIEWING WHAT HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE

1. Gabriel has visited Mary to tell her she has been chosen by God to be the mother of the Messiah.
2. God sends an angel in a dream to assure Joseph Mary's pregnancy has a divine origin.

GOD SENDS HIS SON TO BE OUR SAVIOR - LUKE 2:1-7

1. The hand of God has moved all of the pieces into place. vs.1-5
 - He has chosen Mary
 - He has assured Joseph
 - He now uses Caesar

2. The actual birth of Jesus is incredibly humble and quiet, told in just two verses vs.6- 7

- He is born in Bethlehem
- He is not born in the town's inn
- He is placed in a manger/feeding trough

GOD SENDS HIS ANGELS TO ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND SHARE THE GOSPEL LUKE 2:8-14

1. Setting the Scene - Shepherds in the fields vs.8
2. The angel appears to announce the birth of Jesus and to share the Gospel. vs. 9-14

The Gospel is:

- Good News -
- Great Joy -
"Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation." Rick Warren
- For all people -

The Gospel is Jesus Christ

- Savior -
- Christ -
- Lord -
- Brings Peace -

3. There is a call for a response. vs.12

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

LUKE 2:15-20

1. The shepherds respond to the Gospel with faith – they go to Jesus. vs.15-16
2. The shepherds then share the Gospel with others as they go back to the normal flow of life. vs.17 -18
3. Mary spent time in personal prayer and reflection. vs.19

WRAP IT UP