

Beautiful Mess: Making Room For Christmas While You Work!

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Beautiful Mess, Pt. 2

Luke 2:6, *While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, **because there was no guest room available for them.***

Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing.

1 - Christmas Can Show Up In Your DAILY ROUTINE

Luke 2:8, *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.*

2 - Christmas Can Show Up In REMARKABLE WAYS

Luke 2:9, *An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news that will cause great joy for all the people.** 11 Today in the town of David a **Savior** has been born to you; He is the **Messiah**, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”*

“**MESSIAH** /Hebrew = **CHRIST** /Greek” and means “anointed one” who would bring salvation to all people

-Jesus Came At The RIGHT TIME

Galatians 4:4, *But when the time had fully come...*

-Jesus Came As A Unique Gift—He Was FULLY GOD & FULLY MAN

Colossians 2:9, *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.*

-Jesus Had Purpose—Salvation To All WHO BELIEVE

Isaiah 53:5, *But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

John 6:47, *Very truly I tell you, the one who **believes** has eternal life.*

3 - Christmas Really Shows Up When We RESPOND PROPERLY

Luke 2:15, *When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

What's Next:

-Go to the tables at the back and grab an ornament: On one side put a sin or a struggle you have that you want to give to God this Christmas and on the other side list things you are going to do to make sure Christmas is as special as it should be for you.

-Follow along in our Daily Advent Devotional. You can find it in the Creek Guide or follow the Pastor at:

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-Make plans now to attend one of our Christmas Eve Services and invite someone to join you. Christmas Eve Services are at 1:00p, 3:00p, 5:00p & 7:00p.

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