

Theme: Here at the birth of Jesus, where God comes to earth in human flesh, is a window into the life and ministry of the Savior. He will enter, live, and exit from this world in humble circumstances, reaching out to those whom the world would cast aside, bringing peace and great joy to all who are humble of heart. His humility and majesty are seen even at His birth.

Introduction: Christmas in September??

Background: Luke gives us the time and place. (1-5)

- Caesar Augustus
- When Quirinius was Governor
- Everyone to his own city?
- The *Time* had come

I. True Humanity -- Clothed In Divinity

A. The wonder of the incarnation! One *person* in two natures.

1. A true body and soul
 - Absolutely necessary for salvation!
 - Only as a true person could He represent sinners in the work of redemption.
 - Only in human flesh could He bear our sin.
2. Fully divine
 - Sacrifice needed to be a perfect sacrifice
 - Sacrifice needed to be of infinite value

B. Born of Mary

- Born a child – like the rest of us
- In obscurity, poverty, indignity and rejection (John 1:11)
- To grow and mature
- To die, rise, and ascend to his rightful place of honor and authority

And He was laid in a manger.

II. True Humility – Laid Bare Before Us

A. When he took our nature

- It was an infinite act of humility (humiliation)
- Confines himself to a human body – true physical, mortal body
- Philippians 2:5-8

B. In His birth.

- A humble birth, without family or friends

C. In His life on this earth

- a. Of humble means
- b. A humbling ministry

D. Humble worshippers

1. Shepherds! The lowly, and humble
2. Good news comes to the humble – not the proud

III. A Hallowed Name – To The Humble Of Heart

A. Proclaimed by angels

B. The good news

1. To you – from God!
2. A Savior!
- Special focus in Luke!
3. Christ – Ancient title!
- Greek for “Messiah” – the Anointed One!
4. The Lord
- “Christ” and “Lord” are joined.
- The promised Messiah, the savior is God Himself, come in the flesh!

C. Proclaimed by the shepherds!

IV. A Place For Jesus?

1. Who is Jesus?? Question everyone must answer!!
2. Don't mistake “meekness” for weakness.
3. His humble birth points to His life of sacrifice and rejection. And it shows us the blindness and depravity of our sin.
4. Give Him the place of honor he is due.