

Luke 2:8-11
Why Christmas is Merry!

INTRO- Questions Surrounding the birth of Christ:

- 1) What Child is this? What does Jesus have to do with me?
- 2) What is the true meaning of Christmas?
- 3) Why is Christmas truly the “most wonderful time of the year?”
- 4) Why is Christmas Merry?

For Further Reflection/Application: *We must be doers of God's Word.*

Why is Christmas truly Merry (happy/joyful)? Specifically, how is birth of baby Jesus related to these glad tidings of great joy? Why is Christmas the most wonderful time of the year? What is the true meaning of Christmas? What does Jesus have to do with you and me?

What is the “Gospel according to the Angels?” (as recorded in Luke 2)

What does Luke 2:8-20 teach us about Jesus? Do you believe what the Bible teaches concerning Jesus?

How are God's ways often so different than man's ways? Note 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

Why is it important that we understand that the Bible is a historical text written within an historical context? (note Luke 1:1-4; 1 John 1) Why is it essential that we separate fact from fiction? Luke says what's in this Gospel account is “the exact truth...” What's true of Luke's Gospel, is true of every other book in the Bible; (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21).

The true story of Jesus' birth does not need any embellishments; it's remarkable as it is!

Herod the Great was sometimes called the King of the Jews (Luke 1:5; Matt. 2:2-3), but was he really?

Octavian (AKA Caesar Augustus) became known as the prince of peace, the great savior, the Divine Son, the high revered and exalted one, but was he really?

What Child is this? What's so significant about Jesus that we still celebrate his birth, his life, his death?

Related Praise Songs: *Theology fuels Doxology!*

Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)- Phil Wickham

Who is He In Yonder Stall?- Enfield

Jesus Son of God- Chris Tomlin

What Child is This?

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

God of God- Enfield

Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful), Shane and Shane

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus- Fernando Ortega

Come Adore the Humble King- Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

The King in All His Beauty- Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

He Shall Reign Forevermore- Chris Tomlin

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed-

Christ the Lord is Risen Today-

Handel's “Messiah.” The “*Hallelujah Chorus!*”

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