

Come and Worship: 4 of 4
“Celebrate The Reason”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
December 24, 2018

Big Idea: Jesus Is The Reason For The Season

To Really Celebrate The Reason For Christmas, I Must:

1. Stop Thinking It's A _____

“And there were **shepherds** living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for **all the people**. Today in the town of David **a Savior** has been born to you; He is **Christ the Lord**. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)

“All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on Him the sins of us all.” **Isaiah 53:6 (NLT2)**

2. Start Believing It's A _____

“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”--which means, “**God with us.**” **Matthew 1:23 (NIV)**

“Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and **without fault** in His eyes. God decided in advance to **adopt** us into His own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.” **Ephesians 1:4-7 (NLT2)**

3. Receive God's _____

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” **John 3:16 (NIV)**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Romans 6:23 (NIV)**

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” **Romans 10:9 (NLT)**

My next right step:

[] Become Faithful in my Worship

[] I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior

Christmas Morning The Birth Of Jesus

Continue or maybe start a new tradition. Sometime on Christmas morning, read the story of the birth of Jesus. You can divide the verses as a family or have one person read them. You can also have family members act out the nativity. After reading the story, give thanks and end with prayer. Know your audience. This can be done before you open presents or afterwards-it doesn't matter. The idea is to bring worship into your Christmas morning experience.

Luke 2:1-20 (NLT2)

¹ At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.

⁵ He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant.

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them.

"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.

¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." ¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished,

¹⁹ but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

²⁰ The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them."

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