
More Than A Baby

Luke 2:1-7

12-24-23

Introduction: We gather today to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

1. As we do, I think we need to be very careful.
2. Christmas is a yearly event, because that is true:
 - We are very familiar with the Christmas story.
 - Christmas events have become routine, a part of our traditions.
 - If we are not careful, we will miss the significance of Jesus' birth.
3. His story is much bigger than the quaint, sentimental story of a baby in the manger, complete with shepherds and wisemen.
4. Jesus is Immanuel, God with us, He is more than the babe in the manger.
5. To appreciate who Jesus is, we must ...

I. Recognize His Extraordinary Birth

- A. Prophecies
- B. Parents
- C. Shepherds
- D. Wisemen
- E. Simeon
- F. Anna
- G. Herod

II. Recognize His Intended Purpose

- A. He Came To Save
- B. He Came To Lead

Conclusion: Now, let's pause right here and let this sink in.

1. We celebrate Jesus because of:
 - What He did.
 - What He's doing.
 - What He will do.
2. The Christmas story is beautiful, but it is only a small part of a much bigger story.
3. Jesus is more than a babe in the manger.
4. He is Almighty God, come to save us!
5. We must seek His forgiveness and surrender to His rule.