CHRESTMAS

Christmas In Review

1. Proclaim - Luke 2:17

- -1 Corinthians 1:27
- -They told everyone they met what they had seen & heard
- -They "spread the word" about Jesus.
- -God news is for sharing!



2. Wondering – Luke 2:18

- -"amazed" their story sounded incredible
- -Two kinds of amazement
 - Temporary fascination
 - -"Holy wonder"... seeing God at work
- -Isaiah 52:15



Frankincense – because He was a priest

God – because He was a king

Myrrh – because He was born to die for the sins of the world



Christmasis cause for Holy Wonder.



3. Pondering – Luke 2:19

To "ponder" means to take the events and go beneath the surface to try to understand what it all means & why it happened.



Make a top 5 or top 10 list of things that happened to you in 2018

Things that had a major impact on your life, good, bad, victories, defeats...

What is God saying to you... what is He teaching you?

What have you learned in 2018?



4. Glorifying – Luke 2:20

- "returned"
- To where? Where the angel found them.
- It was time to go back to work.
- The work was the same but the shepherd were changed forever.



And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there,

the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold,

I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ""Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" So it was,

when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. "Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. ¹⁷Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

LUKE 2:17 (NKJV)

²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

¹⁸And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

LUKE 2:18 (NKJV)

¹⁵So shall He sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;
For what had not been told them they shall see,
And what they had not heard they shall consider.

ISAIAH 52:15 (NKJV)

¹⁹But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

LUKE 2:19 (NKJV)

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