4. <u>HUMILITY</u>

✤ The Word we be made flesh and dwell among us in the form of an infant, a baby – and grow into boyhood, and <u>be subject</u> to His earthly mother and representative father (Luke 2:51-52).



- Philippians 2:5-8 ~ Jesus came in the likeness of men, and being found in appearance as a man, <u>He humbled Himself</u> and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
 - Consider Psalm 8:1-9 ~ The Psalmist marvels that God is even mindful of mere humanity.

5. <u>ANONYMITY</u>

- ♥ For all of His greatness and glory, He was born in <u>anonymity.</u>
- ✤ Were it not for <u>the shepherds</u> and <u>the wisemen</u>, His birth would have gone virtually unnoticed!
 - For those awaiting His coming... (Mary Luke 1:46-55 / Zacharias – Luke 1:67-81 / Simeon – Luke 2:25-35 / Anna – Luke 2:26-38).
 - Sohn 1:1-14 ~ ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. (See Mark 6:1-6)

This Christmas We Worship <u>The Infant Who Changed</u> <u>The World</u> ~ <u>JESUS</u>, The Son of God!

- \blacksquare Stand in awe and worship.
- ${\bf \Phi}$ Open your heart and receive Him.
- ✤ He is Jesus ~ The Son of God!
 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!



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MESSAGE GUIDE

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"<u>The Infant Who Changed the World</u>"

#2 <u>From the Navel to the Stable:</u> Jesus ~ The Son of God

Scriptures: Luke 1:31-35; 2:6-7, 11-16; Matthew 2:1-12; John 1:1-14; Hebrews 1:1-14; 5:5-11

"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"

<u>Christmas</u> <u>Message Series</u>



- #1 ~ "From the Throne to the Manger" with a focus on <u>Incarnation</u>.
- #2 ~ "From the Navel to the Stable" with a focus on <u>Humility</u>.
- #3 ~ "From the Womb into the Gloom" with a focus on Light Illumination.
- #4 ~ "From the Cradle to the Cross" with a focus on <u>Salvation</u>.

<u>Scripture Text</u>: Luke 1:31-35; 2:6-7, 11-16

Introduction: There Is Something Special About a Birthday!



FIVE KEY WORDS

1. <u>INFINITY</u>

- ✤ Jesus' Infinite Nature ~ The Second Person of the Godhead.
- There is divine mystery here: A miracle of infinity is being enveloped in a finite womb.



- ▲ Luke 1:31-33 ~ The Son of the Highest & His Eternal Kingdom.
- M The Infinite Made Finite! (Hebrews 1:1-14; 5:5-11; Acts 13:32-33; Psalm 2:7)

2. <u>INFANCY</u>

- At Christmas we're not talking about Jesus' origin as God, but His origin as Man.
- Luke 1:34-35, 37 ~ God's Miraculous Work in Mary's Womb!
 - So The Eternal Creator linked Himself to mankind through the womb of a woman.
 - Incredibly, the infant Jesus was dependent upon sustenance from His mother's <u>umbilical cord</u> just as every unborn child.



There in her womb His little holy body would form, grow, and develop... until the days were completed for her to be <u>delivered</u> (Luke 2:6-7, 11-14)

3. <u>HUMANITY</u>

- ✤ Luke 2:15-16 ~ The Shepherds' visit to the stable to see for themselves firsthand the humanity of Jesus unveiled.
- Matthew 2:1-12 ~ The <u>Wise Men</u> from the east came to witness for themselves this newborn King of Israel.
- ✤ Jesus would face, with much more intensity than we ever will, the harsh realities of humanity.