




After Christmastime 5: God's Family

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Revelation 22:16 (NIV) ¹⁶"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

I. A New Day — Has it Dawned on You?

-  Dawn brings _____, first light
-  Dawn represents a new _____, a new _____
-  A dawn of ideas produces new _____ and _____

Christmas is about the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah. His arrival gave us hope, the potential of a new life. The world was forever changed by God presenting himself.

II. The Messiah Came Wrapped in a Family

- A. Luke Chapters 1 & 2 _____
- B. Matthew Chapters 1 & 2 _____

III. Key People to the Story of Jesus' Birth

1. _____
2. King Herod of Judea
3. _____ and Elizabeth
4. Cousin, John, the Baptist
5. Mary, the mother of Jesus
6. Joseph
7. The Holy Spirit of God
8. _____ from the East
9. Shepherds
10. Jesus

IV. Observations from Luke 2

1. Mary was _____ and afraid

Luke 1:29-30 (NIV) ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God."

2. Sometimes God appears to be _____ us

Matthew 1:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

3. Our _____ to God always matters

Luke 1:45 (NIV) ⁴⁵ "Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

4. We need family and friends

Luke 1:56 (NIV) ⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

V. Christmas Takeaways

- A. An Opportunity for _____ and _____

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV) ⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate **your children**; instead, bring them up in the **training** and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 19:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ Discipline your Children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death.

- B. Cast a _____

- C. Set a _____

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 (NIV) **9** Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been **taught by God to love each other.** **10** And in fact, you do love all of **God's family** throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, **11** and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, **12** so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

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- Sat Rest Sun Rev 12 Mon Rev 13-14 Tue Rev 15-16
- Wed Rev 17-18 Thur Rev 19-20 Fri Rev 21-22 Sat Rest

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