

# BORN FOR THIS

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## BORN TO SEEK & TO SAVE

“ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

LUKE 19:10 (NIV)

### AN OLD TESTAMENT CHRISTMAS, *NOT* CHRISTMAS, STORY: JONAH

- Jonah was running away from God because God told him to go preach in evil Nineveh.
- Idol worshipping sailors turn to God (*Jonah 1:16*) while Jonah is thrown overboard.
- Jonah swallowed, spit out, and given a second chance.
- Jonah preaches a five (*Hebrew*) word sermon. (*Jonah 3:4b*)
- The Ninevites believe and repent. (*Jonah 3:8b-10*)
- Jonah should have been filled with Joy, but instead He is angry at God's grace.

### GOD'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE SHEPHERDS:

“ Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy **for all the people**. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

LUKE 2:10B-11 (NIV)

### THE LESSONS OF JONAH AND CHRISTMAS

1 Jonah, and Christmas, show \_\_\_\_\_ to which God will go to get His message to us.

“ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.”

GALATIANS 4:4-5 (NIV)

2 Jonah, and Christmas, prove that God's love is truly \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE SURPRISING CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS:

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“ 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)

## WHO IS THE WORLD?

\_\_\_\_\_ including \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 Jonah, and Christmas, raise the question \_\_\_\_\_ to the Good News of great joy?

“ 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.”

LUKE 2:15-20 (NIV)

## THE SHEPHERDS EXAMPLE:

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1 - What's your favorite Christmas movie and why?
- 2 - Review some of the details from the book of Jonah (<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/jonah/>). What is the most surprising part of Jonah?
- 3 - What do you think Pastor Glen meant when he called Jonah an Old Testament Christmas story?
- 4 - Read Luke 2:1-20. What's the most surprising part of this passage?
- 5 - Why do you think God chose shepherds to be the first to hear the Good News?
- 6 - What can you learn in your walk with Christ from how the Shepherds responded? What is the difference between Jonah and the Shepherds?
- 7 - What would it mean for you to Come and See (worship) and Go and Tell (Discipleship) this Christmas?



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