

The Reason Christmas Is Real

Matthew 2:1-18 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction:

Patient Endurance: *The fruit of our security in Christ, which strengthens us to persevere through anything.*

Two Facts about Bethlehem's Shepherds

1. They were the most _____ group of people in all Jerusalem.
2. They were the most _____ group of people in all Jerusalem. (Luke 2:15)

Two Qualities about the People of Jerusalem

1. They missed Jesus because they were very _____.
(Matthew 12:1-8)
2. They missed Jesus because the _____ of God's message wasn't a concern for them. (Matthew 16:13-14)

Two Proactive Ways to Make Christmas Real

1. We make Christ's birth a reality when we're _____ by His truth. (Luke 2:15-16; 2 Timothy 1:7-14)
2. We make Christ's birth a reality when we _____ His Truth. (Luke 2:17-18; Romans 15:15-16; Acts 4:1-21)

Conclusion: Luke 2:20

- *Wondered* - astonished, amazed, deeply impressed.

Verse for December 2025 - Jude 21 (NLT) *Live in such a way that God's love can bless you as you wait for the eternal life that our Lord Jesus Christ in His mercy is going to give you.*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*