

A photograph of a room during the day after Christmas. A decorated Christmas tree with lights and ornaments stands on the right. The floor is covered with numerous open cardboard boxes, some containing crumpled white tissue paper and red gift wrap. A white door is visible in the background. The text "The Day after Christmas" is overlaid in large, bold, black font across the center of the image.

The Day after Christmas

Lk 2:15-20



Luke 2:

15 When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. 17 When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at the



Luke 2:

things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.





Intro:

- Now that it is over!
 - Things can get back to normal
 - Regular music on the radio
 - SHOPPING! Boxing day (British)
 - Diets!





Man's View

- Caesar Augustus had moved the world...
- Or was it God's hand...
- Mary and Joseph now in Bethlehem
- Jesus is born...





Shepherd's View

- Shepherds see God's Glory
- Message – “all the people...born for you”
- Shepherds tell Mary, Joseph...others too
- Wondered – marvel, admire *thaumazo*





Mary's View

- Mary “treasured” all these things...
 - Keep close together, remember/obey
 - Preserve
 - “pondered” – throw together, confer
 - Preparation for trip to Jerusalem





Heart View

- Mary was hearing messages
 - Angelic words for her and Jesus
 - Shepherd stories of great glory
 - Moments and truths from God
 - Treasures ...





Matthew 6:

19 ¶ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



“Wallet” View

- What we value...
 - People, laughter, love, moments
 - Gifts that do not break or fade
 - TIME! Memories of God’s Hand
 - Shapes our character and future





Kingdom View

- Do we see what Father sees?
- Open our hearts to see His Kingdom
- The Holy Spirit is moving
- Treasure and ponder
- Your heart will be secure...



An open antique chest, likely made of dark wood or metal, is filled with various pieces of jewelry. The chest is open, revealing its interior compartments. Inside, there are several necklaces, including a long pearl necklace and a shorter one with white beads. There are also bracelets, including a wide, textured one and a thinner one with small beads. A large, ornate metal clasp is visible on the inside of the lid. The lighting is warm and focused on the jewelry, creating a sense of treasure and value.

"... But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."

What Do You Treasure?