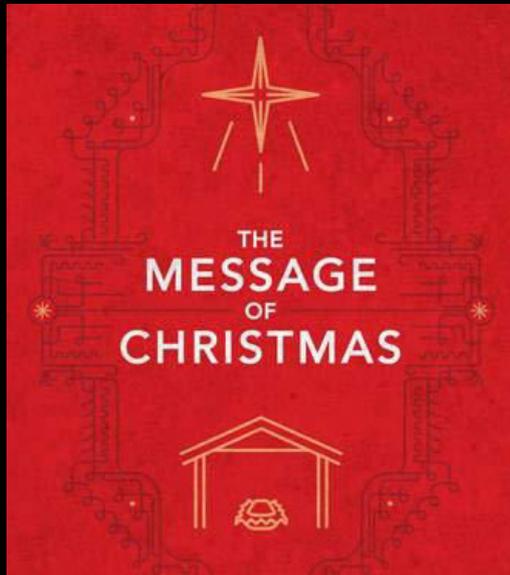


The Manger,



The Messengers



The Message

Luke 2:7-20

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7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Luke 2:7-20 - continued

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:7-20 - continued

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Luke 2:7-20 - continued

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



I. The Manger Was His Bed (2:7)

A. The manger perfectly pictured Christ's rejection.

1. There was no room for Him at the inn

2. Do you have room for the Savior?

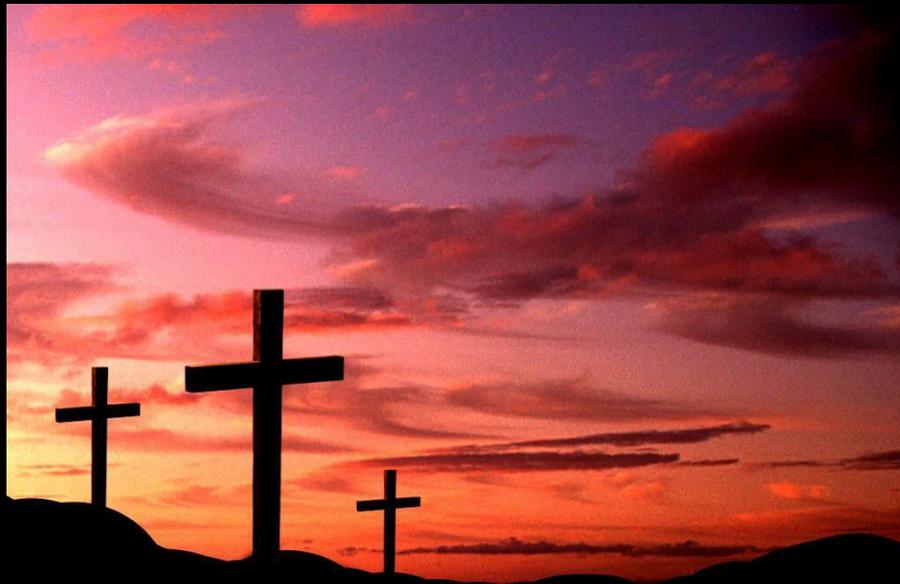


I. The Manger Was His Bed (2:7)

B. The manger perfectly pictured Christ's redemption

1. He was wrapped in clothes of death

2. Pointed to the Cross



I. The Manger Was His Bed (2:7)

C. The manger perfectly pictured the availability of Christ for all

1. Consider the “alls” of the gospel

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

I. The Manger Was His Bed (2:7)

C. The manger perfectly pictured the availability of Christ for all (continued)

2. Christ will receive all who come to Him

John 6:37

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

II. The Messengers Were Of Heaven (2:8-10)

A. They came to shepherds

1. Common laborers

2. God got their attention

3. What a difference this night would make!!



II. The Messengers Were Of Heaven (2:8-10)

B. The shepherds were afraid but two words calmed them – “Fear not”

1. Good words for the times

2. We can give our fears to the One born in the stable

1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

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Philippians 4:5-7

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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Isaiah 41:10

**Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed;
for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will
help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand
of my righteousness.**

II. The Messengers Were Of Heaven (2:8-10)

C. The shepherds found the Savior in the stable just as the angel had said



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D. The good examples these shepherds became that night

1. They heard the message

2. They heeded the message

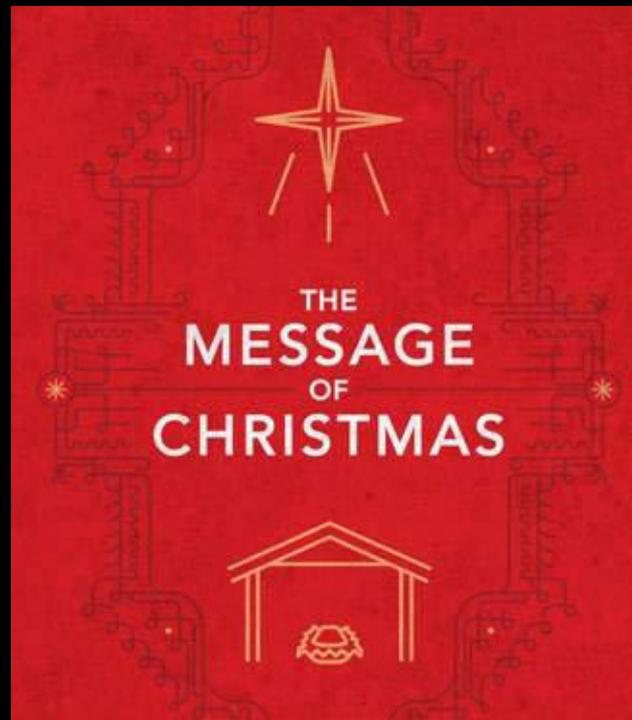
3. They heralded the message (v 17)



III. The Message Was For All (2:10-14)

A. What was this Christmas message?

1. The message was of a virgin-born baby
2. The message was of a promise fulfilled
3. The message was of the prophesied Savior born
4. The message brings glory to God
5. The message is of peace



**This Message Is
For All**