

## The Night of the Incarnation

*Luke 2:1-20*

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The challenge we have with the Christmas story is not the \_\_\_\_\_ itself, but the tendency we have to treat it as \_\_\_\_\_ place, to demote it to the level of a \_\_\_\_\_ story that fits nicely in a night time children's story book.

### A. Preparation for the Arrival

1. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of time. (Gal. 4:4-5)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are in the hand of God.

### B. The Arrival Itself

1. No \_\_\_\_\_ in the inn.
  - a. Strangely \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 8:20)
  - b. Other people and other things \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It was actually \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. "Pandocheion" – a \_\_\_\_\_ or caravansary, and had a host with provisions and \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. "Kataluma" – just an \_\_\_\_\_ with walls where animals could be \_\_\_\_\_ for the night and sometimes had a \_\_\_\_\_ apartment in which the \_\_\_\_\_ could lodge.

### C. The Proclamation of the Arrival

1. The \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord
  - b. Accompanied by a \_\_\_\_\_ of the heavenly host
2. The Hearers – \_\_\_\_\_ shepherds

### 3. The Message

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ – born Christ the Lord
- b. Joyful
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ application
- e. Confirmed
  - (1). The birth needed to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2). The \_\_\_\_\_ – baby in a manger
    - a). \_\_\_\_\_ – He was born away and alone.
    - b). \_\_\_\_\_ – born in the worst of conditions to a poor family
    - c). \_\_\_\_\_ by man – Isaiah 1:3-4
    - d). \_\_\_\_\_ by God – "in whom I am well pleased"

### 4. The Response to the Arrival

- a. They \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. They believed.
- c. They \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. They testified.
- e. They "\_\_\_\_\_, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was \_\_\_\_\_ unto them."