

Secret Messages of Christmas

Luke 2: 1-15

1. What does the Time say?

Caesar Augustus 27BC-37AD

Cyrenius – governor of Syria 4BC-1BC

Herod the Great – Herodian Kingdom

Herod Antipas and Philip His sons – Antipas Galilee and Philip Jordan...

Herod Agrippa 1st Paul's day

When these Leaders are declared, it declares the Time of Jesus Birth... very easy to validate the Birth!

2. What does the fact that Mary traveled with Joseph say?

The Rejection of Mary by the public and the protection of Joseph from the public.

There was no room in the INN! May be a product of Leviticus 12: 6 – Days of Purification!

3. What does this Manger scene declare about Jesus?

Why the Barn? Lamb

Why Bethlehem – house of bread/ City of David

4. What does the Message from the angels say?

The Shepherds are poor, unlearned, had a short distance to travel, not hard to find the King – Angels came to them!

The Wise men were wealthy, educated, had a hard time finding Jesus, caused a host of deaths in the process, traveled far and long to find Jesus, had only education to lead them!

The angels declare the intent of God to use this child to give an invitation! Vs 14 – Good will toward men...

5. What does the Offering say about the family of Jesus?

Why Turtle doves or Pigeons? The issue is the fact of their financial condition!

6. What does Simeon tell us that no one else does?

Simeon – listening

- God rewards faithfulness
- It was revealed to Him
- The Holy Spirit was upon him
- Brought by the Holy Spirit into the Temple
- His Message from God – This Child will be the light of the Gentiles and the Glory of Israel (vs 32)
- The fall and rising again of many in Israel
- And for a sign to be spoken against
- Vs 35 and a sword shall pierce your soul that the thoughts of many may be revealed
- Joseph Marveled and Mary mused...

7. What does Anna tell us about Jesus that we would not know without her?

Anna – Grace

- God rewards commitment
- God knows who and where you are at all times even if we are not even noticed!

What do we learn?

The Angels gave the intent of God to invite mankind to come into **good will** – 444 – good pleasure offered... an invitation to good!

- This child would bring the falling and the rising of many!
- Some would be blessed and some would speak against Him
- Some would find comfort—consolation as Simeon sought
- Some would find purpose like Anna sought
- Herod was looking for a child to destroy because He threatened his personal Kingdom!