

## Why Christmas Matters – Part 2

Luke 2:8-20

**Theme:** Christmas is a time of great celebration, but unfortunately, we seem to overlook the obvious. Sometimes we can be so close to the trees that we miss the forest. This season is all about Jesus.

### **Outline:**

- I. Sense what Zachariah and Elizabeth sensed (Luke 1:1ff) – Release leading to Joy
- II. Understand What Mary And Joseph Understood (Luke 1:26; Matt. 1:18-25) – Mystery leading to compliance
- III. Hear What The Shepherd’s Heard, (Luke 2:1-20) – Glory leading to witness
- IV. Hold What Simeon And Anna Held, (Luke 2:21-36) – Redemption leading to Gratitude
- V. See What The Magi Saw [a star / the Christ] (Matt. 2:1-12) – Inquiry leading to worship

### **Shepherding the Sheep:** (What is the NEXT STEP?)

Tonight, let us work to . . .

1. Sense what Zachariah and Elizabeth sensed (Luke 1:1ff) – Release leading to Joy
2. Understand What Mary And Joseph Understood, And (Luke 1:26; Matt. 1:18-25) – Awe leading to submission
3. Hear What The Shepherd’s Heard, (Luke 2:1-20) – Glory leading to witness
4. Hold What Simeon And Anna Held, (Luke 2:21-36) – Redemption leading to Gratitude
5. See What The Magi Saw, (Matt. 2:1-12) – Inquiry leading to worship

Friends, this is the power of the incarnation. This is the reason for this season.

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