Text: Luke 2:1-20

Topics: Birth of Christ, Power of God, Will of God

Series: Why the Incarnation?

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A Familiar Story?

I. The Couple was Sent (1-7)

The birthplace of Jesus Christ was *foretold* and *forlorn*!

II. The Angel was Sent (8-14)

The announcement that Christ was born was first given to <u>lowly</u> people on earth, yet done with <u>highest</u> praise from heaven!

III. The Shepherds Came (15-20)

The message <u>receivers</u> became the message <u>givers</u>, with great joy!

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read Luke 2:1-7. How many details do you see in this account that would be surprising for the birth of the Son of God, the King of Kings?

What purpose do you see the birth of Jesus happening in this manner as serving? Is it disappointing, or encouraging to you? Why?

2. Read Luke 2:8-14. Imagine being a shepherd there, seeing and hearing everything that happened. What would your response have been, both immediate and future?

What purpose would the sudden appearance of the multitude of angels and their words have served?

3. Read Luke 2:15-20. Notice what the shepherds did with what they heard after the angels left. Put these words – searched, saw, told – in a sentence, in order, for what the shepherds did in response to the visit from the angels.

"Searching and seeing" might be important for some people before they can believe. How can you help them?

4. Telling others what you believe about Christ, and why, is your part in keeping the gospel message going forth. What is important for people to know concerning the birth of Christ? How can you best let it be known?