

“The Message of CHRISTmas”
Luke 2:1-20
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I. The Incarnation of the Message (verses 1-7)

A. Note the Political Situation at the time of the incarnation (verses 1-3)

B. Note the Location of the incarnation (verses 4-7)

- The Messianic Implications of the location (verses 4-5)

- The Humbleness of the location (verses 6-7)

C. Note the Initiation of the incarnation (verses 6-7)

II. A Heavenly Message Revealed (verses 8-14)

A. Note the Initial Recipients of the message (verses 8-9)

B. Note the Good News of the message (verse 10)

C. Note the Availability of the message to all people (verse 10)

D. Note the heart of the message: Christ is the Savior (verse 11)

Why did God send Jesus Christ as our Savior?

- The Need for a Savior (Romans 3:10-11, 23; 6:23)

- Jesus is the Only Savior (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; I Timothy 2:5)

- The Work of Jesus Christ as Savior (I Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

E. Note the Sign of the message (verse 12)

F. Note the driving force behind the message: God’s Glory (verses 13-14)

III. Responses to the Message (verses 15-20)

A. Note the Urgency of the shepherds (verse 15)

B. Note the Evangelism of the shepherds (verse 16-17)

C. Note the Amazement of the people (verse 18)

D. Note the Reflection of Mary (verse 19)

E. Note the Rejoicing of the shepherds (verse 20)

Application Question: The message that Christ is Savior of all, has come to the earth and has been revealed to us. How are you going to respond?

1. Believe it. (Acts 3:19; Romans 10:9; John 3:16)

2. Proclaim it. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

3. Rejoice in it. (Colossians 3:17)