



Week Three – Do You Hear What I Hear?: “Away in a Manger”

CONNECT

- When does your Christmas tree go up? What decorations do you put up that are a family tradition?

WORD

Luke 2:1-7

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while [a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 and everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

THOUGHT

No rooms available for the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings!? If people only knew who was knocking at the door...Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me." We need to make room for Jesus in the busyness of our lives!

DISCUSSION

1. Why do you suppose the Savior of the world was born in an obscure village and laid in a manger?

- a. To fulfill Old Testament prophecy
- b. To show he was an ordinary person
- c. It just happened that way
- d. God didn't want to draw attention to his son's birth

2. Do you think Mary and Joseph understood the full significance of the child they brought into the world? Why or why not?

3. What effect has the news of Christ birth had on you?

4. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus now?

4. If you were to share the birth of Jesus to an un-churched or non-religious friend, in 10 minutes. What would you say?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Read the story of Jesus' birth. Spend time meditating on the importance that His modest and humble beginning means for you.
- Prepare a 10-minute story of the birth of Jesus and share it with someone this week that doesn't know Jesus.

PRAYER

- Pray this week inviting Jesus into your heart and making room for him to come in and dine with you. (Rev. 3:20)
- Pray for those you will be spending this holiday season, that they too, would make room Jesus to move into their hearts.