

The Arrival of a Savior

Luke 2:1-20

Threats to a positive Christmas experience:

- Political Situations (vv. 1-3)
- Problematic Situation (vv. 5-6)
- Personal Situation (vv. 4, 7)

Responses to the Savior:

- Innkeeper – Preoccupation (Luke 2:7b)
- Religious Leaders – Passivity (Matt. 2:4-6)
- Herod – Pride and Panic (Matt. 2:3-4, 13b, 16-18)
- Shepherds – Praise (Luke 2:8-18, 20)
 - Social outcasts
 - Religiously unclean

Message of the Shepherds:

- “Today” – Urgency
 - Don’t want
 - Don’t understand
 - Don’t need
- “A Savior” – we need saved from:
 - Sin
 - Self
 - Others
- “Is Born” – gift of new life with:
 - God
 - Yourself
 - Others
- “He is Christ”
 - “the Lord!” (Master)

Points to Ponder: (How do we respond to Jesus?)

- Do we make room for Jesus in our life?
- Does Jesus effect our life?
- Do we feel comfortable with Jesus being in charge of our life?
- Do we give Jesus the praise He deserves?