

Abounding in Humility!

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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Advent Series

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“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself.” Luke 9:23–25 ESV

“Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,” 1 Peter 5:5–6 ESV

Humility - a modest or low view of one's own importance; humbleness.

Insights on the Birth of Jesus

The Census

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.” Luke 2:1–2 ESV

The Trip to Bethlehem

“And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.” Luke 2:3–5 ESV

The Birth

“And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”
Luke 2:6–7 ESV

Shepherds—An Example of Humility

Common Men—Godly Men

“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.”
Luke 2:8 ESV

The Announcement

“And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.”

Luke 2:9 ESV

The Gospel (Good News)

“And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:10–11 ESV

The Sign

“And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.””
Luke 2:12 ESV

The Celebration

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!””

Luke 2:13–14 ESV

The Shepherd’s Testimony

“When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.”
Luke 2:15–16 ESV

“And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.”
Luke 2:17–18 ESV

The Confirmation

“But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”

Luke 2:19–20 ESV

Jesus’ Invitation

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.””

Matthew 11:28–29 ESV