**Series:** Christmas Memories

**<u>Title</u>**: Remembering the Message of Christmas

**Text**: (Luke 2:13-14)

Some people REALLY get into Christmas!

Fully Immersing in the Christmas Story

I pray that your Christmas is Christ-centered!

Jesus is everything We allow Him to be in Our life.

He desires to be your all in all!

Each Character had a Message about Christ.

Each of the characters were useable: for did reasons.

#### I. Jesus Comes to Those Who Have Room for Him

- **Imagine Being The Inn Keeper!** (Luke 2:7)

Lets Make sure we make room this year for Jesus

#### II. Jesus Gives Himself to Those Who Want Him:

- Mary! (Luke 2:4-6) Willing & Prepared
  - A. Least likely candidate: to deliver & raise the Godman
    - 1. An Obscure young girl
    - 2. From an Obscure village;
    - 3. During a time of oppression, poverty, & darkness.
  - B. She was Willing.
    - 1. She was living a life of love & honor before God.
    - 2. She was Naive enough to avoid religious politics &
    - 3. She loved God enough to Be PURE.
  - C. She wanted Jesus! (Lk 1:28) (Matt 5:8)

#### III. Jesus Leads Those Who Have the Sense to Follow:

- Joseph! (Matt 1:24-25) Willing & Submitted
  - A. Imagine the pressure on young Joseph.
  - B. God provided a way out and Joseph obeyed.

## IV. Jesus Speaks to Those Who Are Willing to Listen:

- The Shepherds! (Lk 2:8-16) Willing & Available
  - A. God said He would speak by the Angels: (Ps 103:20)
  - B. The Shepherds were Willing & Available!
  - C. They were Still
  - D. They were Willing to Hear.

## V. <u>Jesus Rejoices Those Who Know They Need Him</u>:

- Simeon & Anna! (Luke 2:25-32; 36-38)

Willing & Anticipating

- A. Simeon & Anna were the 2 people who got it.
- B. They allowed the reality of Jesus to impact their heart.
- C. Their whole identity was wrapped up in Jesus.
- D. They had been waiting, anticipating, praying,
- E. Jesus is to be center stage in Our lives—
  - 1. Transforming us,
  - 2. Molding us,
  - 3. Living through us as Our very life and breath.

## VI. Jesus Guides Those Who, by Faith Trust Him:

- The Wise Men! (Matt 2:1-2; 8-11) Willing & Seeking
  - A. They were men who Saw w/Eyes of Faith.
  - B. They were men who Trusted w/Hearts of Faith.
  - C. They were men who Sought Him w/Unshakable Faith
  - D. They left their homes, & followed their faith. (Heb 11:6) Jesus responds to our faith. (Jn 3:36a)

# VII. Jesus Uses Those Who Can't Keep Silent About Him:

- All the Characters could not keep silent!

Willing & Had a Testimony - a Story to Tell!

- A. The Shepherds Told Everyone. (Lk 2:17-18)
- B. Anna Spoke to Everyone she could @ Jesus (Lk 2:38)/

## **Remember the Message of Christmas:**

Each Character had a personal encounter with Christ.

Each person had a story to tell others.

Christ Has Come.

What was the Inn Keepers eternal story?

When did you make room for Christ?

Jesus Came! We are His Messengers!

We are the ones that have encountered Him!

We have astra to tell others. (Acts 1:8)

BUT: Our story doesn't end there!

Jesus is Coming Again!