

CHRISTMAS: A TREASURE IS GIVEN

Christmas On Purpose – Advent 2

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Luke 2:6-7 (NLT) *“And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.⁷ She gave birth to her first child, a Son. She wrapped Him snugly in strips of cloth and **laid Him in a manger**, because there was no room for them in the village inn.”*

Luke 2:12 (NIV) *“This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and **lying in a manger.**”*

WHAT WAS GOD’S CHRISTMAS PURPOSE BEHIND THE MANGER?

THE MANGER SAYS TO US...

1. THIS BABY IS _____.

John 1:10-11 (NLT) *“But although the world was made through Him, **the world didn’t recognize Him** when He came.¹¹ Even in His own land and among His own people, **He was not accepted.**”*

Luke 9:57-58 (NIV) *“As they were walking along the road, a man said to Him, ‘I will follow You wherever You go.’⁵⁸ Jesus replied, ‘Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the **Son of Man has no place to lay His head.**’ ”*

Luke 9:61-62 (NIV) *“Still another said, ‘I will follow You, Lord; but **first let me go back and say good-by to my family.**’⁶² Jesus replied, ‘**No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.**’ ”*

Luke 15:4-6a (CEV) *“If any of you has a hundred sheep, and one of them gets lost, what will you do? **Won’t you leave the ninety-nine in the field and go look for the lost sheep until you find it?**⁵ And when you find it, you will be so glad that you will put it on your shoulder⁶ and carry it home.”*

Isaiah 53:8 (TEV) *“He was arrested and sentenced and led off to die, and **no one cared about His fate.** He was put to death **for the sins of our people.**”*

If you don't look for Jesus in a _____,
then you won't see Him on a _____ either.

2. THIS BABY IS FOR _____.

John 1:9-10 (NLT) *"The One (Jesus) who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was going to come into the world. ¹⁰ But although the world was made through Him, the world didn't recognize Him when He came."*

Luke 2:15-16 (NIV) *"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger."*

Hebrews 2:17-18 (CEV) *"Jesus clearly did not come to help angels, but He did come to help Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ He had to be one of us, so that He could serve God as our merciful and faithful high priest and sacrifice Himself for the forgiveness of our sins. ¹⁸ And now that Jesus has suffered and was tempted, He can help anyone else who is tempted."*

3. THIS BABY IS _____.

Matthew 1:23 (NIV) *"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel"--which means, 'God with us.' "*

Hebrews 2:14a (CEV) *"We are people of flesh and blood. That is why Jesus became one of us."*

Hebrews 2:15 (CEV) *"But He also died to rescue all of us who live each day in fear of dying."*

Jesus, the baby in the manger is God's _____.
He is God's own Son. He is God with us.

2 Corinthians 4:7 (CEV) *"We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us."*