

THE STORY OF *WHAT* AND THE STORY OF *WHY*

I. [Luke 2:1-20](#) and [Galatians 4:4-7](#)

A. The very first Christ-mass happened in a barn. Few attended--only Mary & Joseph and a few shepherds--as far as we know. There could've been animals but they most likely didn't sing. (*The ox and lamb therefore did not keep time because there wasn't a little drummer boy playing pa rum pum pum pum on his drum.*) It wasn't actually a church service but it was quite a holy gathering. A young girl delivered her Son a.k.a. *The Son of God*, Jesus, Who would save His people from their sins.

B. [Luke 2:1-20](#) (NKJV) *The Story of What:* 1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. 6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" 15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

C. *The Story of Why* is actually the more important one. Many OT & NT Scriptures tell the *Why* but let's read [Galatians 4:4-7](#) (Amplified) 4 But when [in God's plan] the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the [regulations of the] Law, 5 so that He might redeem and liberate those who were under the Law, that we [who believe] might be adopted as sons [as God's children with all rights as fully grown members of a family]. 6 And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba! Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave (bond-servant), but a son; and if a son, then also an heir through [the gracious act of] God [through Christ].

D. I pray you'll be warmed by *The Story of What* but I pray even more you'll personally own and be transformed by *The Story of Why!* Have a Very Blessed Christmas!

* Close with Prayer...

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Film Clips & Other Links

"Born Is The King (It's Christmas)" - Hillsong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf6OoAZbAQg>

"The First Noel" - Shane & Shane with Phil Wickham

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxHG1YhfLVk>

Live Christmas - David Crowder Band Live at Mary Todd Hairdressing Co.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbmqORNPGck>