

"The Birth of the King"

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (January 12, 2014)

Introduction: Have you read the story of Jesus' birth recorded in the Bible? What do you remember? What if there was an interruption in the story? What if a voice called out to the innkeeper asking him if he knows who he is turning away? Does the innkeeper really want to be known through history as the one who turned Jesus away? We can't change the scene because it might change our whole perspective. However, we can back up and tell the prequel. Maybe this is one of the reasons John starts off his gospel different than the others (**John 1:1, 14**). Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. The Heavenly Word of God Came to Earth

- A. The word of God put on flesh.
- B. The mind of God put on flesh.
- C. The personality of God put on flesh.

II. The Supernatural Word of God is Revealed to the Natural World

- A. The similarities to previous verses.
- B. The similarities to previous stories.
- C. The similarities to previous humans.

III. The Extraordinary Word of God Becomes Something Ordinary

- A. Jesus was born to an ordinary family.
- B. Jesus was born in a humble fashion.
- C. Jesus was raised around common people.

IV. The Awesome Word of God is Rejected by Many

- A. The innkeeper rejected Jesus.
- B. The Jews rejected Jesus.
- C. The world rejected Jesus.

Conclusion: I wonder if you have rejected Jesus. Have you turned Him away? It is never too late to invite Jesus into our lives. As long as you have life and breath, God will use every opportunity to grab your attention. When God comes, He loves to come through common things—a common carpenter, a common virgin girl, common shepherds, etc. It allows other people to stop and ponder, "Why would God do that?" Because He loves to remind us that He is the God that can do the impossible. Right now He is knocking on the door of your heart. Will you answer?