

I. PREPARE HIM ROOM

⁷And 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. Luke 2:7

“Joy to the world, the Lord has come, ...let earth receive her king, let every heart ‘prepare Him room’...

- A. In the story of Advent we’ve been following the story of Ahaz, King of Judah who refused God as his Immanuel, Wonderful, Counselor, Everlasting Father, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.
- B. Last week we discovered Mary, the mother of Jesus, had a willing heart. She opened her heart to God’s plan for her life, and she prepared room in her heart and body for Christ.
- C. Today we celebrate and commemorate the coming of Jesus as Immanuel. The prophecy is now fulfilled. Christ has come! Angels are singing, and God has delivered his son through the womb of a woman. He is here!

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!” Luke 2:10-14

- D. Mary opened her heart knowing that her “yes” would change her life forever. Her yes was motivated by the reward of hundreds of years of expectation being fulfilled in the child soon to come from her womb.

II. THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST

- A. Two natures within one man—Jesus Christ. This is the mystery we get to gaze upon for all our days and all of eternity.

- 1. Fully God
- 2. Fully Man

- B. Paul in Colossians 1:15-23 and 1Tim. 2 defends the natures of Jesus being both God and man.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. ¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross...I, Paul, became a minister. Col. 1:15-23

5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus...1Tim. 2:5

- C. The Father of Jesus, loves to point us to his Son, and the Son loves to point us to the Father. Holy Spirit is the agent by which Jesus related to his Father as a man; and by which the Father revealed Jesus' true identity to others.
- D. *“The incarnation (God in the flesh) offers humanity a pattern, or example, of the fullness of human life (1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Jn. 2:6). As fully God and fully man, Jesus stands at the apex of all experience. **He is not only the highest revelation of the Father sent down to us, He is the highest reaching of a human creature back in worship to God**...Jesus not only shows us what God is like; He shows us what we were made to be like” (Allen Hood, The Excellencies of Christ. Pg. 135).*
- E. The birth of Christ leads us to God, and empowers our reach for God. We now can know who we are and are meant to be because of Jesus.