



Christmas Devotion

2020

*Lord, thank you for including me
in Your Christmas story.*

*The shepherds heard the good news of Your birth
and spread the words around the world.
Generations later Your headlines made it
to my eyes and heart.*

*Like Mary, I often treasure up the magnitude
of the gift of Your birth, Jesus.*

*Sunday mornings I travel to Risen Savior
gathering with my sisters and brothers in Christ...
glorifying and praising You.*

*Your gifts of love, forgiveness and faithfulness
overwhelm me in joy and gratitude.*

*You send me into the desert, yet I'm not deserted
proclaiming Your Christmas story.*

*Please keep my pathway lit, centered on sharing
Your Christmas story that causes great joy!*



Luke 2:1-3 (NIV)

“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.”¹

Your Reflection

In the space provided below, write a few words or sentences describing the first time you heard the Christmas story.



Luke 2:4-7 (NIV)

“So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”²

Your Reflection

Mary had wonderment. Joseph was devoted. The angels experienced jubilation. The shepherds had fervor and the magi a sense of purpose. Choose one-to-two-character descriptions that you’d like to emulate and reflect on how you might partner with God this season to grow in these areas.



Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”³

Your Reflection

What would you like to ask God’s help with in proclaiming the Christmas story with others?



Luke 2:13-15 (NIV)

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” 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.””⁴

Your Reflection

With whom do you sense God is inviting you to share His Christmas story this season?



Luke 2:16-20 (NIV)

“So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”⁵

Your Reflection

God’s invitation to participate in His Christmas story is always available to you. Take a few extra minutes now and invite God into your life circumstances asking Him to show you about His great personal love for you this season.

Notes

1. "Luke 2:1-3." <https://www.biblegateway.com/> Luke 2:1-3. Accessed 1 Dec. 2020
2. "Luke 2:4-7." <https://www.biblegateway.com/> Luke 2:4-7. Accessed 1 Dec. 2020
3. "Luke 2:8-12." <https://www.biblegateway.com/> Luke 2:8-12. Accessed 1 Dec. 2020
4. "Luke 2:13-15." <https://www.biblegateway.com/> Luke 2:13-15. Accessed 1 Dec. 2020
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