

## **The Christmas Story ~ Today: Learning from the baby** *December 17, 2006*

The verses used in today's talk were Luke chapter 2 verses 1 - 14 (781)

### No room at the Inn

- Inns offered lodging AND safety
- Jesus doesn't impose himself or go where he's not invited
- Is Jesus welcomed in your life?
- ***For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood. Romans chapter 3 verse 25 (859)***

### Jesus and the manger

- The manger was a feeding trough, where animals would eat to get their sustenance, energy, their food to survive
- Jesus, who was born in a manger, grew up to say, ***"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty."***  
*John chapter 6 verse 35 (814)*
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and Bethlehem means "house of bread"
- The "Bread of Life" was born in a feeding trough, and he came from the "house of bread"
- What are you feeding on? What are you attempting to "fill up on?" Is it working?

The manger is plain & ordinary, rough, hollow

I am

- plain & ordinary - not much different than those around me
- rough - I mess up, hurt myself & others
- hollow - try to "fill up" on \$\$, fun, sex, relationships, one more fix, thrills, success
- An ordinary piece of farm furniture was made extraordinary when Jesus was put in it...same with us!

### Mary wrapped Jesus snugly in strips of cloth

- ***The Angel said to Joseph, "She will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*** *Matthew chapter 1 verse 21 (733)*
- ***"God has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ...."***  
*Colossians chapter 1 verse 22 (902)*

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