

The Presence of Jesus
Luke 2:1-20
12-20-20

I. Jesus' Presence Fulfills All of God's Promises.

Luke 2:1-7 – “And Joseph also went to...Bethlehem...And Mary gave birth to her firstborn son...and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Genesis 3:8 – “They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...”

Exodus 33:14 – “He said, ‘My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.’”

Psalms 140:13 – “The godly will dwell in Your presence.”

Buddhist Poet:
Gods here?
Who can know?
Not I.
Yet I sigh
and tears flow
tear on tear.

Acts 2:2-4 – “Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind...And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”

II. Jesus' Presence Brings Joy for All of the Nations.

Luke 2:10-11 – “And the angel said... ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Psalms 16:11 – “In Your presence is fullness of joy...”

Psalms 17:15 – “I will be satisfied with Your presence.”

Going Deeper This Week

1. Do you like the Christmas season? Why or why not?
2. Read Luke 2:1-20. What moves you as you read this story?
3. What “natural means” did God have in place to help get Joseph and Mary where He wanted them and what does this say about God’s work in our lives? (Luke 2:4)
4. Read Luke 2:5-7. What details do we pick up about this family and the birth?
5. After moving a Roman Emperor to make a decree to get Joseph and Mary back to Bethlehem to fulfill prophecy, why did God not clear a place for them in the Inn? (Luke 2:7 and 2 Corinthians 8:9)
6. What does true faith and enjoying God’s presence lead one to do? (Luke 2:15-17)