

WHAT THINK YOU OF THE BABY JESUS?

Scripture: Luke 2:7-17

Introduction:

- A. Our text verses simply set the stage for a review of those who saw Jesus during His infancy; what they thought of their encounter and what they said.**
- B. We will also take note of some who heard of His birth and how that news affected them.**

I. WE WILL FIRST LOOK AT THE SHEPHERDS.

- A. God sent a special angel to tell them the good tidings of the birth of a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.**
- B. They accepted the message as being from the Lord God and immediately determined to go and see this thing which is come to pass.**
- C. And when they had seen the baby Jesus, “they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.”**
- D. They did not doubt; they believed what had been told them; and they began to tell others of the birth of their Savior, which is Christ the Lord.**
- E. Verse 20 tells us that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.**

II. NEXT, WE LOOK AT SIMEON WHO WAITED IN THE TEMPLE.

- A. Simeon was just and devout and he was waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.**
- B. The Greek word translated “consolation” is in other places translated comfort. It means “one called along side of another to help.”**
- C. Here it signifies the Messianic hope – that is the coming of the promised Savior.**
- D. Simeon was expectantly waiting for the Comforter to come.**

- E. Verse 26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death; before he had seen the Lord's Christ.**
- F. The Holy Spirit caused him to come into the temple the day Joseph and Mary brought the baby Jesus into the temple to "present him to the Lord" according to what was written in the law.**
- G. Verses 28 -32 record Simeon's acceptance of the baby Jesus as the One whom God had prepared and sent to be the salvation of all people – Gentiles and thy people, the Jews.**
- H. Simeon then blessed Joseph and Mary and then spoke some very revealing prophetic words.**
- I. Verse 34 Spoke of baby Jesus being set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel – a sign which shall be spoken against. Israel did in fact fall and shall rise again – she is rising.**
- J. Then in verse 35 he spoke that which likely sent a chill through the heart of Mary and would find it fulfillment as she would witness the crucifixion of her Son.**

III. NEXT WE LOOK AT THE PROPHETESS ANNA.

- A. Much like Simeon, Anna was in some way strongly attached to the temple.**
- B. She served God with fastings and prayers night and day.**
- C. Anna came in during the time Simeon was blessing God that he had lived to see the Salvation which God had prepared before the face of the people.**
- D. Anna also "gave thanks likewise unto the Lord and spake of Him (the baby Jesus) as being the redemption of Jerusalem.**

IV. NEXT LET US LOOK AT THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST WHO CAME TO SEE THE BABY JESUS. Matthew 2:1-12

- A. These wise men had seen His star in the east and had come to worship the baby Jesus who had been King of the Jews.**
- B. These verses reveal that they searched diligently until they found Him.**
- C. Verse 11 reveals that when they came into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him.**
- D. When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh.**

E. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

V. NEXT LET US LOOK AT HEROD, THE KING.

- A. Herod never saw the baby Jesus; he never saw him at all. He only heard that baby Jesus had been born King of the Jews.**
- B. The birth of baby Jesus was looked upon as a challenge to King Herod. He thought, he might take my throne away from me.**
- C. Herod purposed to kill the baby Jesus as is revealed in verse 16-18. He slew all children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.**
- D. King Herod did not rejoice at the birth of the baby Jesus because it challenged him and his life style.**
- F. Verse 34 of Luke 2 records Simeon as revealing that this sign – the birth of baby Jesus which was God’s prepared salvation would be spoken against.**

CONCLUSIONS:

- A. The birth of the Baby Jesus continues to be greeted in many ways – some rejoice and thank God for God’s salvation which is Jesus in you.**
- B. Some deny His birth – deny His existence – do all they can to erase all evidences of His birth and existence.**
- C. Then there are those who say they believe in His birth and in His life; but they find living for Him and meeting with Him cramp their life style and interfere with their plans.**
- D. Let each of us survey our own private lives and thoughts – Do I really believe in the birth of the baby Jesus and do I rejoice in knowing Him?**
- E. Or do I deny His existence and wish all evidences of His being were erased from our civilization?**
- F. Or do I welcome His birth and thank God for it; but find His Personal Being is a hindrance to my life style?**