

A Way In A Manger

Text: Luke 2:7-14

Introduction:

1. The importance of Jesus' birth is that it was the beginning of the culmination of God's scheme of redemption.
 - a. Yet, it is not the birth of Jesus that is to be honored and celebrated; rather, it is what being born as a man allowed Jesus to accomplish.
 - b. We are commanded to remember His death and worship God by the memorial of His suffering at Calvary.
2. Jesus was born to bring to fruition God's means of saving man.
3. By His life and death, Jesus provided a way of salvation – a way to Heaven.
4. Thus, when He was born there was "a way" in a manger...

I. A High Way

- A. Isaiah 35:8-10
- B. The word "highway" refers to a road that has been elevated or mounded up above the ground (thus, a high way).
- C. Consider the high way of God...
 1. It is high – exalted above all other ways.
 2. It is named "The Way of Holiness."
 3. The unclean do not have access to it.
 4. It is exclusively for God's people.
 5. Even the unlearned can follow this path.
 6. There is no danger on this road.
 7. The destination of this road is Zion.
 8. Joy, gladness and the absence of sorrow are the rewards.
- D. The Way of God is in every way higher than the ways of man!
- E. That Way of God was brought by the One laid in a manger.

II. A Straight Way

- A. It is straight for all obstacles are removed (Matthew 3:3; Luke 3:3-6).
- B. It is straight for is founded upon the Word of God (Acts 24:14, 22).
- C. It is straight for it goes against the majority (Matthew 7:13-14).
- D. It is straight for it demands faithful discipline (2 Peter 2:20-22).

III. A Safe Way

- A. Not of man's design (Proverbs 14:12).
- B. Not free from suffering (Acts 9:1-2; 22:4; 19:9, 23).
- C. Jesus is the way (John 14:6).

1. The way of love (1 Corinthians 12:31).
2. The way of peace (Romans 3:17; Ephesians 2:15).
3. The way of hope (Acts 24:14-15).
4. The way of salvation (Luke 1:76-79).
5. The way to Heaven (Hebrews 9:7-12; 10:19-20; John 14:4-6).

Conclusion:

1. While Jesus' birth is important, it is to His life, His teaching, His death and His resurrection we must give the most attention.
2. By His life and death, Jesus brought to man the knowledge of the Way of God.
3. It is a high way, a straight way and a safe way.
4. It is the only way that leads to Heaven.
5. Are you following the way in a manger?