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A GIFT IN SIMPLE BROWN WRAPPING

A Simple Christmas - #3

Luke 2:1-14 (P.724-725)

We have a tendency to overlook the plain, the simple. However God never does. He takes the plain things, the simple things and uses them to change the world. Look how He uses simple people and things.

1. A SIMPLE YOUNG _____:

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Luke 1:26-27

2. A SIMPLE _____:

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

3. A SIMPLE GROUP OF _____:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. Luke 2:8

4. A SIMPLE LITTLE _____:

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. Luke 2:4

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Micah 5:2

5. A SIMPLE _____:

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Won't you reach out and accept the gift which God has for you? Won't you reach out and receive God's love and forgiveness in this simple brown wrapper and begin that lifelong adventure of faith.???