



christmas
miracles



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Christmas is a story of little things.

- 1. Little Places**
- 2. Little People**
- 3. Little Participation**

Luke 2:1-20 (NLT)

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

*And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. That night there were **shepherds** staying in the **fields** nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.*

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.

The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.” Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others

*—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom **God is pleased.**”* When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem!

Let's see *this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds **told everyone** what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.*

*All who heard the shepherds' story were **astonished**, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went **back to their flocks**, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.*

“There will always be more people wanting to do ‘great’ things for God than there are people willing to do the little things. The race to be a leader is crowded, but the field is wide open for those willing to be servants.” **Rick Warren**

“So many of us are not big enough
to become little enough to be used
of God.” **Vance Havner**

“It is the small everyday deeds of
ordinary folk that keep the
darkness at bay.” **J.R Tolkien**

1. Little Places

Jesus — Little Town of Bethlehem

Moses — back side of desert

Gideon — wine press threshing

David — Field

Zacchaeus — Up a tree

Peter — Fishing

"JESUS SAVES"
"APDSTOLVIC"
CHURCH

2. Little People

Tourist: “Any important people born here?”

Tour Guide: “Nope, Just babies”

3. Little Participation

Mary — *“Let it be unto me...”*

Moses — Used shepherd stick

David — Used sling shot

Samson — Jawbone of donkey

Dorcas — Needle and thread

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Isaiah 60:1

“Arise, my people! Let your light shine for all the nations to see! For the glory of the Lord is streaming from you.”

John 12:36

“While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

What defines you determines you.

Identity is the most important power that determines our actions.

We will act according to our views of who we truly are—whether these views are accurate or not.

“We are the light of the world!”

When Light comes in contact with darkness ... Light wins!!!

John 1:4-5

“The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.”

3 Observations:

- 1. Light Confronts Darkness**
- 2. Light Equals Life**
- 3. Light Doesn't Hesitate**

He never holds back.

He rushes into every dark place.



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