The First Christmas

December 7, 2014
• Christmas Is A Special Time Of The Year

• This Season Brings A Special Joy & Happiness
• The Google Misery Index: The times of year we’re most depressed, anxious and stressed
• The Least Miserable Day Of The Year Is Christmas Day!
• Christmas Is A Season Which Calls Us To Renew Our Worship Of Jesus -- The Christ

• It Is A Time To Celebrate Our New Found Joy, Victory, And Deliverance
Aside From The Death And Resurrection Of Christ There Is No More Important Day To Celebrate For The Believer Than The Birth Of Christ

When Jesus Was Born All Of The Elements Of A Great Worship Service Were In Place.
• **Read:** Luke 2:8-20

• **The First Christian Worship Service**
The Audience Was The Shepherds

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

- The Message Was Given To A Group Of Ordinary People
• (1 Cor 1:27 NIV) "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."
• Don't Ever Say: "God Can Never Use Me" Until You Look At Who He Did Use

• Don't Ever Say: "God Will Never Speak To Me" Until You Look At Who He Spoke To.
The Preacher -- The Angel Of The Lord

• Luke 2:9 (NIV) "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified."

• Angel = "Angelos" = Messenger

• The Angel Of The Lord Had Come From The Presence Of The Lord
The Preacher Had A Message

• **Fear Not** – The Savior Loves You and Can Destroy Your FEARs

• **Be Joyful** -- You Have A Savior There is a Way Out of Your Dilemma
The Message Ends With A Response

• "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

• This Was A Life Changing Event; They Knew They Could Not Go On With "Business As Usual."
They Found The Messiah & Saw Their Savior

• They Saw Him Because They Responded In Faith

• They Saw Him Because They Believed And Stepped Out

• The Good News Was Too Good To Keep To Themselves
• They Were Never The Same They Had Been Changed

• When You Have A Real Meeting With Jesus Everything Changes