

“Christmas Characters” – JESUS

INTRODUCTION: Let’s see some “*snapshots*” of Jesus.

I. BEHOLD THE BABY – Luke 2:8-12

- Mary gave birth to the One who created her!
- Mary had an amazing “*childbirth story*” to tell.
- There are “snapshots” of Jesus’ birth in the O.T. – Isaiah 7:14
- “*Immanuel*” = ‘*God is with us*’ ... “*Jesus*” = ‘*Jehovah saves*’.
- “*Emmanuel*” tells us of the MISSION of Jesus.
- Isaiah 9:6 gives us more “*names*” of Jesus.
- Jesus was rarely addressed as “*Jesus*” in the Bible.

II. BEHOLD THE SON – Luke 2:41-48

- They had “*mixed emotions*” when they found Jesus in the Temple.

- 1 They were AMAZED – 2:48a ... the ANSWERS (2:47) and the QUESTIONS showed deep insight in the things of God (2:46).
- 2 They were ANGRY – 2:48
 - Mary didn’t understand the mission of Jesus- 2:49-50

III. BEHOLD THE MAN – John 19:4-6

- There’s never been a greater “*man*”, than Jesus.
- No one has ever done what Jesus did – Isaiah 53:5

IV. BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD – John 1:29, 1:35-36

- Isaiah (53:7), Peter (1 Peter 1:18-19), and John (Rev. 13:8) all painted the picture of a “*Lamb*” going to the slaughter.

V. BEHOLD THE KING

- Only God can give us a “*snapshot*” of the FUTURE.
- This babe in a manger will 1 day come to rule over His Kingdom.
- The O.T. announced His birth and His Kingdom – Micah 5:2
- Pilate announced Him as a King – Mt. 27:11, 37
- Jesus will get His “*bride*”, then set up His Kingdom – Rev. 14:14
- Our “*marriage*” will take place in Heaven – Rev. 19:7
- The King is coming! 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

CONCLUSION: Have you received the “*gift*” Jesus has for you?