

The Journey

The Unwanted Gift of Jesus

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Week #4 || Christmas 2023 || Friday Candlelight Christmas Eve

Big Question: What is the gift of God and of Christmas?

Big Idea: *Jesus! Jesus is God's greatest gift. He is truly good and He calls us to go!*

Introduction: *An unwanted Gift*

How was God's gift of Jesus unexpected, and why is Jesus God's greatest gift?

- V. #1-3 God chose the time of the world's greatest dictator to show His power.
 - Jesus works good through the harshest opposition.
- V. #4-7 God chose the most despised town to show His ability to restore.
 - Jesus works good in the most broken circumstances.
- V. #8-20 God chose the most disparaged people to show His ability to save.
 - Jesus works good for the most outcast people.

How can we take possession of this message and live it out in our lives?

- Teach the realities of the gift of Jesus.
- Treasure the realities of the gift of Jesus.
- Tell the impact of the gift of Jesus.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:19-20