



Crazy Things People Say About Christmas #4

Luke 2:15-20

Listen! One of the crazy things people say about Christmas is that the most important thing about Christmas is to make a lot of money and thus be sustained through the year.

Problem: This is a reality of life in our economic realities—but this is not even close to the most important thing about Christmas.

The shepherds say three things about Christmas in Luke 2:15-20:

- ❖ **First they say,** “There is a great urgency about seeking Jesus.” (v 15)
- ❖ **Second they say,** “There is Good News of great joy which is for all people that today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior Who is Christ the Lord and the sign proves it.” (vv 10-12)
- ❖ **Third they say,** “God You are glorious and I give You my personal adoration for everything I have seen and heard tonight.” (v 20)

Based on what the shepherds say:

- ❖ **Recognize:** God does exactly what He says He will do.
- ❖ **Relate:** In trust that He will do exactly what He has said He will do.
- ❖ **Respond:** Seek God’s Son and all the things He says are valuable.

Big Idea: The shepherds say that Jesus is worth checking out—immediately, urgently.

- **Major Application:** Go looking for Jesus—for salvation and for every day relationship.

Then what? The young man said, “Sir I, don’t want to sound arrogant but then I would like to be prime minister.” To which the prime minister said, “Then what young man?”

Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

Big Idea: The shepherds say that Jesus is worth checking out—immediately, urgently.

- ❖ **Each day this week please read:** Luke 2:15-20.
- ❖ **Today.** What put the urgency in the hearts of the shepherds (v 15) to go looking for Jesus? What are the applications for you in this?
- ❖ **Monday.** What is the significance of the fact that the shepherds repeated (v 17) what the angels had told them in verses 10-12? What is the application for you in this?
- ❖ **Tuesday.** What sparked the glorifying and praising of God (v 20) in the shepherds? It seems quite spontaneous and unrestrained? What are the applications for you?
- ❖ **Wednesday.** The shepherds recognized that God does exactly what He says He will do. How are you doing—feeling—thinking—believing on that statement?
- ❖ **Thursday.** Hebrews 11:6 makes it clear that without trusting God it is impossible to please Him. Are there areas where you are having trouble trusting Him? Is there help for you in knowing that the shepherds found the scene and the Baby in Bethlehem exactly as God said it would be?
- ❖ **Friday.** What would improve the “urgent seeking of Jesus” in your life?
- ❖ **Saturday.** What would improve the “urgent seeking” of truth and righteousness and purity and maturity and ministry in your life?
- ❖ **For Christmas Eve or Christmas Day**—whichever service you choose—please read and reflect on Luke 2:25-35.

Note for Connection Groups: The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at:
www.cypressbible.org (Quick Menu / Connect / Community Papers).