

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 2:1-40

Big Idea: God reveals Himself to the humble.

1. God enters the world humbly.

Luke 2:1-7 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Micah 5:2 (700 yrs prior)- "...Bethlehem...too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient of days."

2. God reveals His glory.

Luke 2:8-14 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Jesus is:

- Savior
- Christ
- Lord

3. People respond in different ways.

Luke 2:15-20 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has

happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

- a. The crowds wondered
- b. Mary treasured
- c. The shepherds praised

4. True humility is seen in our willingness to wait in faith.

Simeon – Luke 2:27-32 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

Anna – Luke 2:37-38 She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Reflection

How are you humbling yourself? Who is Jesus to you?
How are you responding to God's revealing?

Isaiah 66:1-2

Thus says the LORD:

"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool;
what is the house that you would build for me,
and what is the place of my rest?
All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the LORD.

But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word."

"For those who would learn God's ways, humility is the first thing, humility is the second, humility is the third." -St. Augustine of Hippo

Discussion Guide | **with** - Luke 2:1-40

Big Idea: God reveals Himself to the humble.

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read Luke 2:1-7

- What does Jesus' incarnation mean to you?

Read Luke 2:8-14

- Who is Jesus to you?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be Savior, Christ, and Lord?

Read Luke 2:15-20

- Share a time when God revealed something about Himself to you.
- How are you responding to God's revealing?

Read Luke 2:22-38

- In what ways are you humbling yourself before God?
- What is one thing God is asking you to do this month in response to this passage?