

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Series: "The Insignificant in Christmas"

Text: Luke 2:1-20

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Other holidays get a single day; but Christmas is emphasized for an entire month—one twelfth of every year.
2. Beneath all the visible "sights and sounds" of Christmas are some simple yet profound truths that can transform your life.
3. The thing that impresses me most about the Christmas story is how simple & unadorned it really is. In fact, what captures me is the "\_\_\_\_\_ " element.
4. Observe! In the Christmas story *God fills* the seeming insignificant with His presence *and makes* what might have been mundane into profound mystery.

**INSIGNIFICANT \_\_\_\_\_**

1. The "happening" places in our text: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. By contrast, the Christmas story sets its focus on little places:
  - A. Like \_\_\_\_\_.  
"Though you are small among the clans of Judah" - Micah 5:2
  - B. Like \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. John 1:46).  
"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there" - John 1:46
  - C. Like a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Like \_\_\_\_\_.
3. But when *God* comes near all "the little places" become \_\_\_\_\_!

**INSIGNIFICANT \_\_\_\_\_**

1. The "movers and shakers" of the world are mentioned in vss. 1-2.

2. By contrast, the Christmas story looks to different key players.
  - A. Like a \_\_\_\_\_ young, \_\_\_\_\_ couple from Nazareth.
  - B. Like \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Like the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. But when God comes near, all "the little people" \_\_\_\_\_!

### INSIGNIFICANT \_\_\_\_\_

1. The event that would make news was \_\_\_\_\_; it still does!
2. The Christmas story gives attention to the birth of a baby. But this is anything but a normal birth. There was the matter of . . .
  - A. Fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The appearance of that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. The \_\_\_\_\_ conception and birth.
3. But think about this: God started to save the world with the birth of a baby. Big deal — it happens ev'ry day. When God comes near, all "little events" take on spiritual power!

### MAKING IT PERSONAL

You're meant to pay attention to these "insignificant" places, people, and events!

1. It's in the "insignificant" places, people, and events of the Christmas story that "the wisdom of God" is displayed (1 Cor. 1:18-29).
2. The suffering of Jesus didn't begin on the cross; it began in his straw bed and con't. thru to the cross . . . all for our redemption!
3. God can now offer a wonderful gift — the forgiveness of our sins, and the assurance of everlasting life with Him.

Have you received His Christmas gift?

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift." - 1 Cor. 9:15

### **John 1:1-3, 14, 18**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, & the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:1-3, NIV84)

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14, NIV84)

"No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known." (John 1:18, NIV84)

### **Philippians 2:5-8**

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very form of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!"