Christmas Treasures

Luke 2:1-20

It's So Easy to Lose Perspective during Christmas.

If we don't STOP and Take it all in, we're Doing Christmas All WRONG.

Do we give ANY Thought to Christmas...like MARY DID?

4 INCIDENTS that Mary Treasured in her heart...

1. THE <u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u> BY THE ANGEL (Luke 1:26-38)

- What it would **BE LIKE** to be **Visited** by an **Angel from God?**
- What it would <u>BE LIKE</u> to <u>Be Chosen</u> for a Special, but Very Difficult <u>Task</u>?
- Mary agrees to it & says, "Let it be to me according to your word."

2. THE <u>ADVENTURE</u> TO BETHLEHEM (Luke 2:1-5)

- What it would <u>BE LIKE</u> to take a <u>90 mile Trip</u> in your <u>9th Month</u> of <u>Pregnancy</u>?
- Can you imagine <u>Walking</u> 90 miles to the <u>Hospital</u>, & when you get to the <u>Entrance</u> they say, "Sorry, we're <u>FULL</u>"?
- They were so <u>Far Away</u> from home & <u>Nothing</u> was <u>Going Right</u>.

3. THE ARRIVAL OF THE SAVIOR (Luke 2:6-7)

- What would it **BE LIKE** to **Give Birth in a Stable?**
- **GOD** entered the **World** on the **floor of a Stable**,
- Mary Gave Birth but the baby did NOT Belong to HER...SHE Belonged to HIM!

4. THE <u>AUDIENCE</u> OF SHEPHERDS (Luke 2:8-20)

- What it would it <u>BE LIKE</u> for common, ordinary <u>Sheep Herders</u> to come **into your** <u>Nursery</u> soon after the <u>Birth</u> of your child?
- Mary & Joseph are NOT the <u>Only Ones</u> who <u>Heard</u> this bizarre story about <u>Their Son</u> being the <u>Savior</u> of the world.
- In the Midst of all the Crazy Circumstances, GOD was in it...
- Where would **YOU** be right now if **HE** had not come?
- Have you <u>Paused</u> to <u>Ponder</u> the <u>Treasures</u> of Christmas?