



"Simply Christmas"

Preaching Point: God came down, to become a man, to provide a bridge of reconciliation to Himself.

1. A Simple Story ...The Christmas story is profoundly simple:
 - A tiny country (Israel)
 - A small village (Bethlehem)
 - A carpenter (Joseph)
 - A young peasant girl (Mary)
 - A baby boy (Jesus)
 - A hay filled feeding trough (Manger)
 - And some visitors (Shepherds and Magi)

2. A Profound Truth ...As simple as the story is, what happened on that first Christmas night was very profound! (Galatians 4:4-5; Timothy 3:16)
 - a. *An Ancient Promise* (Isaiah 7:14)

 - b. *An Astounding Fulfillment* (Matthew 1:23; John 1:1,14,18;14:7,8-11;10:30)

Refocus on Christ ... some practical suggestions:

- Read the Christmas narrative in a Harmony of the Gospels.
- Listen to the Messiah.

Consider These Suggestions ---

- Read the Christmas story and pray, before the gift exchange.
- Watch "The Nativity" (Recent movie about Jesus' birth).
- Read through a Christmas devotional during this season ("Come Let Us Adore Him" by Paul Tripp; "Love Came Down" by Sinclair Ferguson)