Our Best Gift; The Gift Of Love Sun Am Kz Lesson 12/18/22

# Memory Verse: Luke 2:11 NKJV

# 11For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Target Thought: Jesus Is Our Best GIft

Luke 1:39-45 NKJV

39Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! 43But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45Blessed *is* she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”

# Luke 2:1-14 NKJV

# 2 And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.4Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5to be registered with Mary, his betrothed [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A1-14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-24979a)]wife, who was with child. 6So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.8Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

# 13And 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, goodwill toward men!”

On Christmas morning, we may wake up to find brightly-colored packages tied up with pretty ribbons and bows. If on Christmas morning,  you found a package with your name on it that was wrapped in plain brown paper and tied up with string, what might be your reaction? We might not be excited about a package like that.

Maybe that’s why so many people have missed out on God’s gift that we celebrate at Christmas. God’s gift of Jesus, His only Son, didn’t come in fancy wrapping. Jesus’ mother was a young virgin... His earthly father was a carpenter... He was born in a stable. Not a very pretty package, is it?

Jesus is the greatest gift the world has ever known. He offered us salvation and eternal life with God!

The Bible tells us when Mary found out she was chosen to deliver God's gift to the world, she was filled with joy. She hurried to Elizabeth’s home to share the good news. Elizabeth was also pregnant, and when she heard the news, the Bible says the baby she was carrying “leaped” inside of her! She exclaimed in a loud voice, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what He said."

Through Jesus, God sent us the gift of His love, but some people are so busy unwrapping the beautifully wrapped packages this world offers that they have missed out on the greatest gift of all.

Dear Father, we are thankful that You loved us so much that You sent Your only Son to be our Savior. In Jesus' name, amen.

1 Who was God's gift to us?

2 Why is Jesus our best gift?

3 Why was Mary blessed?