

Student's Name: _____

Sermon Notes for December 24th, 9:30 Service

Sermon Text: **Luke 2:1-21 (p. 1090)**; Old Testament Text: **Isaiah 11:1-5 (p. 732)**; New Testament Text: **Acts 4:8-12 (p. 1160)**.

Read **Luke 2:1-21 (p. 1090)**; while listening to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Luke 2:1-7 (p. 1090)**.

In verses 1 & 2, what information does Luke give us that helps us set Jesus's birth in history?

Why did Mary & Joseph have to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem?

What did Pastor Dave say the name *Bethlehem* meant?

Give two reasons this was an appropriate place for Jesus to be born. (Hint: For one reason, read **Micah 5:2 (page 989)**.)

2. Read **Luke 2:8-14 (p. 1090)**.

What accompanied the angel of the Lord? (See v. 9).

What did this angel tell the shepherds?

Who joined the initial angel, and what did they say together?

3. Why did Pastor Dave consider the shepherds an unusual group for God to first reveal His Son?

Read **Luke 2:17-18 (NIV)**: When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Considering what society thought of shepherds, why was it unusual that people received their reports about Jesus with amazement and not disbelief?

4. If God could use people as universally disliked as the shepherds to announce the birth of His Son, what does that tell us He could do through people like You and me?

5. What will you most remember from this message?