

How Will Christmas Affect “My Yet To Come”?

Luke 2:8-20 (NIV)

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a Baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When 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. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

People who have been bitten by the Hum Bug forget that _____ can be changed. (even mine)

People who have been bitten by the Hum Bug need to be reminded that it's not what you know – but _____ with what you know.

If I Want to Christmas To Affect My “Yet To Come” I must _____ . (Or help someone else to)

²⁰ The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. ²¹ But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's Word.

Matthew 13:20-21 (NLT)

A Gallup survey asked Americans which group they thought posed the greatest threat to the future of America. _____% of those surveyed listed fundamental Christianity as our greatest menace.

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first.

John 15:18 (NCV)

"Relativism hasn't opened American minds to new truths – it has only closed them to old truths." Allan Bloom

"Honor Christ and let him be the Lord of your life. Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope."

1 Peter 3:15 (CEV)

"Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." Acts 17:11 (NIV)

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"I know nothing about that one way or the other. But I know one thing for sure: I was blind . . . I now see."

John 9:25 (Msg)

"If Jesus were born in Bethlehem a thousand times but not once within my heart – I would still be lost."

Corrie Ten Boom

"Every human heart is a Bethlehem, and each of us must decide if there is room."