

MOVING AT CHRISTMASTIME

Luke 2

Today we'll take a look at some who were moving that first Christmas.

I. MARY AND JOSEPH MOVED - Luke 2:1-7

- From Nazareth to Bethlehem

A. THEIR SITUATION (1-3)

- A census that required Jews to register in their ancestral cities

B. THEIR SUBMISSION (4-5)

- Joseph went with Mary ... they moved!

C. THEIR SON (6-7)

- While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth

D. THEIR SURRENDER

- Leaving everything they knew for something totally new.

II. ANGELS MOVED - Luke 2:8-14

- From the presence of God to a pasture of shepherds

A. THE MESSENGER (8-12)

- An angel reporting good news

B. THE MULTITUDE (13)

- An outpouring of adoration by an innumerable number of angels

C. THEIR MINISTRY (14)

- Calling attention to God

D. THEIR MOVEMENT

- Temporarily leaving heaven to praise God among humans

III. SHEPHERDS MOVED - Luke 2:15-20

- From their sheep to the Savior

A. THEIR DESCRIPTION (8)

- Lowly shepherds working the night shift

B. THEIR DECISION (15-16)

- Let us go ... so they came.

C. THEIR DECLARATION (17-19)

- Repeating what the angel told them (17)

D. THEIR DOXOLOGY (20)

- They return to their pastures praising God

E. THEIR DEED

- If they had not moved, they would have missed this amazing blessing

IV. **MAGI MOVED** - Matthew 2:1-2

- From Babylon to Bethlehem

A. THEIR PROMINENCE

- A caste of Medo-Persian thinkers, philosophers and star-studiers

B. THEIR PATH

- They moved 1,000 miles!

C. THEIR PURPOSE

- They came to worship Him

D. THEIR PRIVILEGE

- Because they moved, the Christ-child was worshipped by foreign dignitaries.

V. **JESUS CHRIST MOVED** - Matthew 1:23

- From His heavenly throne to a manger bed

A. HIS HOME - Matt. 1:23

1. God with us

2. See Galatians 4:4 and Philippians 2:5-7

B. HIS HUMANITY - John 1:1-3, 14

- The awesome creator (1-3) became an earthbound creature (14)

C. HIS HIGH-PRIESTHOOD - Hebrews 2:14-18

1. Conquering Satan and death (14-15)

2. A merciful and sympathetic High Priest (17-18)

D. HIS HELP

- If Jesus Christ had not moved to earth, we would be doomed!

CONCLUSION:

Aren't you glad Christ moved at Christmastime?

God is glad when we move at Christmastime and anytime in accordance with His will.

- Where are you moving this Christmas?

- Toward God or away from Him?

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