

CHILD IN THE RUINS

I. Jesus is _____ entering human _____.

Luke 2:1-3

II. God entered human history in an ordinary, _____ way.

Luke 2:4-7

III. God entered human history to release us from _____ and _____ us.

Luke 2:8-14

IV. We should respond by _____ God's Word, _____ to Jesus in faith, and _____ about Jesus.

Luke 2:15-18

Further Up, Further In

1. Read Luke 2:1-3. Why is it important that Jesus really entered human history? How are we tempted to think of the Christmas story as not history? Have you ever struggled with doubts about the Bible's historicity?
2. In Luke 2:1-6, how does Caesar Augustus unwittingly help bring about biblical prophecy? (See Micah 5:2, Isaiah 9:6-7) What does this show us about God's sovereignty over the circumstances of our lives?
3. Read Luke 2:4-7. How is this scene ordinary and humble?
4. What are some ways that God's Presence entered creation in the past? How would you expect the King of glory to enter His creation?
5. What does the humility of Jesus' birth tell us about God's nature and heart? How do we apply this humility to our own lives today? (see also Luke 9:58, 2 Cor 8:9, Isaiah 53:2-3)
6. Read Luke 2:8-14. How are the shepherds representative of us (see Gen 3:10)? What stands out to you about the message they receive?
7. How is the description of Jesus in Luke 2:11 instructive to us?
8. As you consider the sheperd's response to this message in Luke 2:15-18, how are you challenged to respond to Jesus this Christmas?

