

The Most Wonderful Event in Human History

Scripture: Luke 2:8 – 14

Our scripture reading for this short Christmas Eve service is from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2, verse 8 to 14 – *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of God shone upon them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them –*

‘Do not be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, he is the Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign to you, you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’

Suddenly a great company of heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying –

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rest.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This was the most wonderful event in human history. ... The coming of the Son of God, in human flesh into this world! Love was born that night. A love which we know as Christian love had its beginnings with the birth of Jesus Christ.

God came down to earth to be born as a baby and to grow up as a man. Jesus became what we are so that he could tell us everything possible in a human language. And what Christ told us were truths about God that we could never have discovered for ourselves.

God has his own way of speaking to every soul. He begins with something known.

We all have heard of Helen Keller – she was blind, deaf, and mute at birth. She was a prisoner of the darkness. How could Helen Keller communicate with God or God with her? Her teacher decided to try to tell her the story of God’s revelation in Jesus Christ. Using the language of touch, Helen’s teacher did her best. At the end of a series of lessons, Helen responded – *I know he must exist but I don’t know his name!*

God had revealed himself to Helen Keller in a very special way and he can do this for every human being who is willing to listen. God may speak to you in ways you do not expect. God may speak to you through other people. God may speak to you in very surprising ways!

God knows the language of your heart! God may speak to you through joy. God may speak to you through sorrow. God may speak to you through love. And God may speak to you through that which you fear the most.

If you have an open mind and heart, and you have a willing spirit, all you have to say to God is – *Speak Lord for your servant is listening!* And God will speak to you through his word and through his Holy Spirit. God will supply all your needs!

God does indeed speak your language so that you will come to speak his language of a holy life, his language of service to him and all humankind.

John 1:14 says – *The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.* It is a law of our land that no man may be elevated to the Presidency unless he was born within our national boundaries. No matter his blood or breeding, his diplomatic skill or his mastery of men – to become the President and Commander in Chief, he must begin life with us.

Likewise, the Son of Man, had to be born amongst us. He had to beautify the common circumstances of life by his touch and he had to redeem life first by having lived it!

Do not dream of a white Christmas, dream of a right Christmas!