

Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

"Waiting for His Arrival and the Storyline of the Bible"

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Response Questions for, "Come and See; Go and Tell," (Luke 2:1ff)



Basic Ideas from, "Come and See; Go and Tell."

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the Christ has come.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to believe Him above all else.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in the truth of His arrival.



Basic Questions from, "Come and See; Go and Tell."

1. Is the event of His birth attested to by various sources?
2. What if someone saw your child and began to speak of him as the fulfillment of all the promises and pictures made to a nation? How would you respond?
3. How do we capture all this part of the Story contains? Why shepherds? Why Simeon? Why Anna?
4. What does the incarnation mean to you?
5. How can we keep the remembering and retelling of the Story in the forefront of our lives?
6. How might we remember and retell the Story to our children and grandchildren?

I encourage you to use some "sanctified imagination" in considering the following questions:

7. When the angels appeared in Luke 2:14, what do you think they thought about this event?
8. What do you think those who heard Simeon's proclamation thought?
9. What do you think those who heard Anna's proclamation thought?
10. Based on the text, I would suppose only the shepherds had a chance of being present when Jesus began His earthly ministry leading to His death, burial and resurrection. I believe both Simeon and Anna would have since passed on to their eternal rest. What do you think the shepherds would have thought? Do you think they followed His development? Do you think they listened with attentiveness to anything that might have circulated concerning this unique child? Do you not think word of Mary's virgin birth made the rounds? What about His temple encounter at the age of twelve? I do not doubt for one moment that word circulated and those who were "looking" listened attentively to all that was in circulation.
11. What do you think were the thoughts of the priests (vv. 21-25) when they heard the utterances of Simeon and Anna? I would argue that some who heard these statements

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were young enough to be present thirty years later when Jesus would begin His earthly ministry culminating in His death, burial and resurrection.

12. How does the fulfillment of the promises change your life?
13. What makes ADVENT special to you and your family?



The **Basic Application** from, “Come and See; Go and Tell.”

1. Who do you most identify with -- Shepherds, Simeon, Anna or the inn keeper?
2. Have you been waiting for the Christ-child? He has arrived. What has been your response to this monumental event?
3. How has ADVENT changed your life?

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