

Dawn Breaking

Luke 1:57 - 2:21 - Sunday, January 26, 2020

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 - ⇒ And Jesus is still a baby.
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- We want to be in a place where our prayer is that he _____ us to be the sort of people who joyfully and righteously serve Him.

Dawn is Knowledge:

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- We bring knowledge of Salvation.
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- The Coming King
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And the World Doesn't Care:

- In a somewhat smelly room, a mother gives birth alone.
- She isn't surrounded by family and loved ones. Her parents aren't sitting outside the hospital room.
- There is no mention of a doctor or midwife to ensure that this goes right.
- We can't spare a room for the mother.
- We can't spare a crib for the baby.
- The night likely wasn't clean and silent.
- It was more likely to be _____ and _____.

How God Chose to Appear:

- We recall God can do what he _____.
- God could have arranged to be born in Herod's palace, or with the priests of Jerusalem.
- He could have arranged to have loved ones celebrating his arrival, like John had.
- Instead he chose this...

One Reason:

- In Jesus' birth, he smashed himself against the worst parts of _____.
 - ◇ The rejection his parents encountered.
 - ◇ The disregard for the poor.
 - ◇ Being pushed around by forces outside of your control.

Let Us Approach Him:

- With our loneliness, tiredness and fatigue.
- With our inability to see the future.
- With the grime that we find ourselves in.
- And more importantly, with the dirt and grime inside ourselves.

Because He Redeems Them:

- He will never leave you, nor forsake you.
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- We serve a God who is making everything new.
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