

I. Introduction

A. Christmas stories: Obedience (surrender and trust)

1. Zechariah
2. Joseph
3. Mary

\*\*these are people in the Christmas story, not who the Christmas story is all about.

B. This morning, we celebrate Jesus - the One Who is Christmas

II. The Christmas story

A. The setting

1. Unseen going on in the backdrop of human history
  - a. John 1:1-4

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

- b. Genesis 3:14-15

*The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

- c. John 3:16-17

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.*

- d. John 1:14

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

2. Seen
  - a. Virgin
  - b. Baby
  - c. Barn
  - d. Under duress

B. What child is this? (Luke 1:31-35)

1. Jesus (verse 31)
  - a. Name given/chosen by God Himself
  - b. Means savior: not for the righteous but for sinners
2. Forever (verse 33)
  - a. Never be replaced
  - b. Never have a competitor
  - c. Never have a successor
3. Holy (verse 35)
  - a. Pure, good, without defect or deficiency or blemish

- b. Hope because Jesus is fit to die as a spotless lamb in our place
- c. Fit to rule as a flawless king
- 4. Son of God; Son of the Most High (verses 32, 35)
  - a. Divine and human
  - b. Not only son of David, but King of kings and Lord of lords
  - c. Infinite power; no one greater

\*\*Jesus came to be a holy, divine Savior/King forever!

C. Surrender and trust

- 1. We've been talking about obedience.
- 2. Jesus has been in focus.
- 3. Who better to surrender to and place your full trust in than Jesus, the holy,

divine Savior/King forever?

III. Conclusion

A. The deep humility of Jesus ...

- 1. ... doesn't defend, it trusts.
- 2. ... doesn't demand, it offers.

B. This King Jesus has commissioned me on this day, Christmas Day, 2016, to declare publicly that there is amnesty for all who have rejected his kingship to now. Before He sat down on the throne of the universe, He died for your sins so that whoever would believe on Him might not perish but have eternal life. Whoever lays down the arms of rebellion and receives forgiveness of the King and surrenders their agenda and will to Him as the holy, divine, saving King will live forever and ever.