



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 3: Christmas Bonus Episode 1

What Do Bread, Shepherds & swaddling Cloths Have In Common?

Merry Christmas! Today, we will begin a look at the birth narrative of Luke and ask what bread, shepherds, and swaddling cloth have in common.

Introduction

Recap: Last week on the Podcast, we talked about what the engagement process looks like in the Hebrew culture, and this week, we are skipping a little ahead for the Christmas season to the birth narrative of Jesus in Luke.

Take a few minutes to review this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone from the episode.

If you could only use one word to describe God, what would it be? Why?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud **Luke 2:1-12** and **Micah 5:2**.

How does understanding Jewish geography and politics help us better understand the birth narrative of Jesus?

Why is Jesus being born in Bethlehem significant?

Why do you think the announcement of Jesus came to the shepherds first?

Why do you think God works through humble and seemingly insignificant people and places?



Application

If you were in the position of the innkeeper, what do you think you would have done and why?

How are you intentionally making room for Jesus this Christmas season?

For Next Week: Why were shepherds detestable in the 1st century?

What was the significance of the cloths baby Jesus was wrapped in when the shepherds found him?

Pray

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here is a prompt:

Pray that the Lord would prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the coming of Jesus and that we would grow in our relationship with him this Christmas.

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Making Room this Advent

Below is a free Advent resource you can share with your family and friends. As the body of Christ, we can intentionally make space this Christmas season in our lives, families, and groups to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ.

[Advent - The Coming of Jesus Christ](#)

