

God's Christmas Gift

Luke 2:7

And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (NASB)

His clothing

- The beginning of Jesus's earthly life - Mary _____ Jesus in cloths
 1. Ezek 16:4,5 speaks of Israel as a newborn that was not wrapped in cloths but was ab_____.
 2. Mary wrapped Jesus in cloths because she v_____ Him.
- The end of Jesus's earthly life – the world _____ Jesus
 1. Jesus was led to the c_____
 2. Jesus was stripped of His outer robe, then His inner wear and hung n_____ on the cross.
- How have you treated God's Christmas gift?

His placement

- The beginning of Jesus's earthly life – Mary laid Jesus in a wooden m_____.
 1. N_____ scenes do not accurately depict a manger.
 2. A manger was an im_____ structure used to feed farm animals.
 3. Mary put Jesus in a manger filled with h_____, which was the most honorable place that she could find in that barn.
- The end of Jesus's earthly life – the world put Jesus on a wooden c_____.
 1. This was the most d_____ place the world could find.
 2. On this cross, Jesus bore the p_____ for our sins.
 3. By trusting Jesus to be our Savior and the God of our lives, we gain e_____ life, which is a personal relationship with the one true God and His Son (see Jn 17:3 where Jesus defines eternal life).
- Where have you placed Jesus in your life?

His Reception

- The beginning of Jesus's earthly life – there was no room in the i_____
 1. Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem in obedience to a Roman decree that Jews register their names in the city of their lineage in order to be t_____ appropriately.
 2. There was only _____ inn in Bethlehem, otherwise look would have said “inns.”
 3. How many pregnant women, about to give birth, did the innkeeper turn away? (speculation – see Matt 25:38-40)
- The end of Jesus's earthly life – there was no room in the w_____
 1. Jesus was c_____
 2. Jesus was buried
 3. On the t_____ day, Jesus rose from the dead, never to die again.
- To all those who make r_____ for Jesus have God's Christmas gift forever – Have you made room?