



Luke 2:1-20

Filled With Wonder (PT.2) | December 14th - 20th, 2014

Warm Up: How have you already (or do you plan to) experience more wonder and amazement of the reality of Jesus' coming this Christmas season?

- Two prophets predicted Jesus' birth about 700 years before it happened: Micah and Isaiah. Read these two prophecies aloud together: **Micah 5:2** and **Isaiah 7:14**.
 - In **Micah 5:2**, Hebrew word translated "in the distant past" is used five other times in the Old Testament each referring to God Himself. What is the significance of this?
 - In what ways does the Isaiah passage speak to Jesus' *eternal* nature?
- In **Luke 2:14** the angel is joined by a vast host of other angels and they speak in unison saying, "**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.** The glory goes to God and the peace come to earth! This Ruler is the Prince of Peace prophesied by Isaiah.
 - How regular is your experience of peace in this season? Why?
 - In what ways does the coming of Christ comfort your heart and lead you to a place of peace?
- All who heard what the shepherds heard and saw were, "***thaumazo.***" In Greek, "to wonder, to be amazed, to marvel."
 - What is one aspect of God's creation that you can marvel at this week? Perhaps even making a plan to get alone in Creation and allow the Lord to "wow" you.
 - Are you in awe over the fulfillment of prophecy? Share what moves you most? (Perhaps this week you could study some of the Old Testament prophecies of Christ's coming. For example, **Isaiah 7:14, 9:6; Micah 5:2; Zechariah 9:9, 12:10; Psalm 22:16-28; Isaiah 53:3-7**)

Warm Up: Jesus' Kingdom will never end (**Isa. 9:7**)! We live in the midst of competing kingdoms that vie for our attention, adoration, and devotion. As 2014 comes to a close, pray and recommit yourselves to Christ and *His Kingdom* while renouncing the lesser kingdoms we can all be tempted to live for.