

Responding to Christ at Christmas – Part 2

Text: Various

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How did people in Jesus' day respond to Christ's birth?

- 1) **The Wise Men Worshipped (Matt. 2:11)**
- 2) **The Wise Men Brought Gifts (Matt. 2:11)**
- 3) **The Angels Announced the Good News (Luke 2:9-14)**
- 4) **The Shepherds Spread the Word (Luke 2:15-20)**

5. **Simeon Blessed the Lord (Luke 2:28-32)**

There is no better expression of thanksgiving than to offer a blessing to God for the sending of His Son. Our blessing for Christ's coming should be daily and habitual whereby we honor God's goodness and remind ourselves of His grace given to us.

Our Response to Christ: *Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let Earth receive her King*

6. **Anna's Thankfulness (Luke 2:38)**

How thankful are you today? Should you be more thankful every day?

Our Response to Christ: *Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord That hath made Heaven and earth of nought And with his blood mankind hath bought*

7. **Joseph's Faith (Matt. 1:20; 2:13; 19-20)**

Joseph had to trust God and He acted in faith as Luke 2:4 states he took Mary with him to Bethlehem. Faith is action even when things don't seem right, others may see you in a wrong light, and when it would have been easier to throw in the towel. We need the faith of Joseph: to trust God in difficult times. To obey when it is easier to just give up. To come back to Israel even after Herod had died.

Our Response to Christ: *Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: I Jesus Christ was born to-day: Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today.*

8. **Tell the Story**

Our Response to Christ: *Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born*