

**The Bridge – Part IV**  
**Luke 2:8-20**  
**December 29, 2024**

I. Advent is an invitation to ponder our sorrowful human problem.

II. Advent is an invitation to ponder God’s long-awaited promise.

III. Advent is an invitation to ponder the Person who is the Bridge between heaven and earth!

*"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!....'" (Luke 2:8-20; NKJ)*

**IV. This year, let us follow the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the shepherds!**

**A. This year, let us be \_\_\_\_\_ to  
the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ that we have received!**

*"So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.'" (v15)*

*"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20; NKJ)*

*"But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our report?'" (Romans 10:16; NKJ)*

**B. This year, let us \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Lord and His People in \_\_\_\_\_!**

*"And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. ... Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them." (vv 16 & 20)*

*"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:41-42; NKJ)*

*"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25; NKJ)*

**C. This year, let us tell \_\_\_\_\_  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Christ!**

*"Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds." (vv 17-18)*

**1. What your life was like \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.**

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ came to meet Jesus!**

**3. What is your life like \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus?**

*Our mission is to influence our family, friends, community, and world to become fully committed followers of Jesus Christ!*