

### **1. A Barn**

What difference does Christmas make?

- See what God does
- just as important to see how God does it

See the barn, and realize the building doesn't matter in the end

He chooses the small, the humble, the humbled to express greatness

- the meek shall inherit the earth
- if you want to lead be a servant
- die to yourself, take up your cross and follow me

*Applications:*

Can we not expect the same? - God has always honored the humble

Does this mean we have to go to a barn to find Jesus? - or God?

God does all that He does on purpose - He chose a barn

It's possible to have so much glitter in your eyes that you don't see Jesus

He will do it, but He will do it His way

### **2. Jesus' World**

Herod (government)

- the killer of babies
- into power and easily intimidated

Pharisees/ Sadducees (religion)

- their knowledge of laws and doctrines did not help them find Jesus
- do you think their "knowledge" of scripture hurt their search?
- were they searching for a Messiah (contrast the Wise Men)

An innkeeper (rank and file businessman)

- you know things are busy at Passover
- indifferent (he did not know this was the Messiah)

*Applications:*

-Jesus' world was just like our world

-the world was dark, before the light came - the darkness of politics, of religion, and of indifference

-Isaiah 60:1ff

-John 1:11-12

### **3. We Learn**

- 1) He comes to us (grace)
- 2) God works even in the dark
- 3) Cannot stop God
- 4) It's possible to miss Him