

1. [Grou...

Luke's First CHRISTMAS
Part II
The Predictable Surprise
Luka chapter 7

2.

Erasmus/Surprise
When I'm astonished that God gives me a role in his certain plan to redeem the world.

3.

Have a _____ Christmas!

4.

Have a MEANINGFUL Christmas!

5.

What is a MEANINGFUL Christmas?

3 things working against you:

- Material Christmas Obsession: neglect of spiritual health caused by dedication to the frantic pursuit of stuff and status.
- Over-response to "No!" under examination of the Biblical Christmas story.

6.

What God is "leaving wild" in the Christmas story:

"Long by the world, its sin and error plighting..."

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8.

[Luka's gift] to us 5:14

9.

Inasmuch as every hour constitutes to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ... just as those who from the beginning have experienced and minutes of the word have delivered them to us, ... it is natural good to you also, being followed at things done for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ... that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

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I. Surprised by certainty:

11.

Zacharias ("God remembers")
Luka 1:5-8, 21-23

- Response to certainty: Surprise, lack of belief
- Result of unbelief: Personal negative consequences, ultimately, his (his impact on certainty)

12.

Erasmus ("God is my faith")
Luka 22:32, 38-40, 45-46

- Response to certainty: Joy, then "Godd!" then Joy!
- Result of doubt: Unnecessary worry (his impact on certainty)

13.

Mary ("Fruitless, barren")
Luka 1:26-38

- Response to certainty: Surprise, then wonder, then humble obedience
- Result of humble obedience: Birth of the God of certainty!

14.

The Christmas story: God's plan to redeem the world including you: Please be receptive.

- "Get out over an end enter in, Be born in us today!"
- "Go tell it on the mountain!"

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