

- Beautiful story of Jesus's birth and the joy expressed by the heavenly beings.
- The question is why? Did heaven not realize what this child would face?
- Let's explore some of what life was like for Jesus on earth:

- Humble birth- Luke 2:7
- Lived an underprivileged life as a child:
 - No formal education-
 - Lived in an insignificant village-
 - Son of a carpenter-
- Ridiculed and rejected by his hometown: Luke 2:16-30

- Ridiculed and rejected by his own family- John 7:1-5.
- Betrayed by his followers- Not just Judas but all of them- Matt. 26:56
- Denied by Peter one of his closest disciples.- Luke 22:54-62
- Endured the humiliation and torture of the cross. Luke 22:63-65- Isaiah 53
- Knowing all of this was going to happen, why was there rejoicing by the angels.

• They rejoiced because.....

OUR CHAMPION HAD ARRIVED

- You ever watch movies when evil is winning and there seems to be no hope in sight, then from out of nowhere the hero arrives. The one with the power to set things right. And there is cheering and rejoicing.
- Satan had ruled the world for long enough and his reign had come to an end.

• They rejoiced because.....

TRUE RECONCILIATION W/GOD WAS GIVEN

- II Cor. 5:17-21
- Romans 5:9-11
- Gives more significance to the conversation of Jesus with Elijah and Moses in Luke 9:31.

They rejoiced because......

THE LAST ENEMY WAS ABOUT TO BE DESTROYED

- I Cor. 15:26- "The last enemy to be destroyed is death."
- Resurrection to life has been made available.
- II Tim. 1:10; Rev. 21:4

• They rejoiced because.....

LOVE PREVAILED

- John 3:16
- I John 3:16
- Romans 5:8
- Gal. 2:20