

## Luke 2:8-14 (KJV)

*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, good will toward men.*

Tomorrow is Jesus' birthday, so wont you joining me in wishing Jesus a happy birthday?

## Happy birthday Jesus!!!!

With tomorrow being Christmas and thinking about all those Christmas movies and TV shows that we have been watching all month. One of my favorites is "A **Charlie Brown Christmas**" and the reason is today's devotional verses. If you have never seen this Christmas cartoon before, I would encourage you to watch it, and when you get to about the middle of the show, today's scripture is read by a little boy named Linus.

If you know anything about the Peanuts cartoons, then you know that Linus carries around his blanket everywhere he goes, because it's his security blanket, and all through the Peanuts cartoons you see him carrying it. But while Linus is on stage, standing in the spotlight (literally) reading today's verse, you will notice that when he gets to the part where it says " **Fear not**" Linus drops his blanket and continues to quote the rest of the verses without blanket in hand. If you think about it, the reason why is that he is no longer quoting scripture, but living it, by no longer fearing or needing his security blanket, because he knows that the Lord is with him.

Even in today's times with the Ten Commandments being banned in so many places, and the name of Jesus not being allowed on shows (Unless it's used as a cuss word). Or what about during Christmas, so many people, and business, and stores now calling it the "Holidays" because Jesus' title is in the word "CHRISTmas", so they don't want to offend anyone. But in the midst of all that, they have not figured out that scripture is being spoken each year on national TV.

But there is a sad side to this, at least for those who will be here during the 7-year tribulation period. You see, when the antichrist comes, he may remove these verses from A Charlie Brown Christmas, because they talk about Jesus. So maybe you should buy a bunch of these on DVD, and give it to your unsaved friends, because if they are left behind during the tribulation period, this may be the only Word of God spoken that will speak to their hearts, since the antichrist will try to ban the bible, or pervert it.

Jesus is coming back any second, all you have to do is watch the news with your bible open and you can see bible prophecy coming to pass right before our eyes. In fact, it's gotten so bad that you don't even need to watch the news with bible in hand, today you just look out your window with bible in hand, and you can see scripture coming to life in regard to the last days, right outside your home.

So yes, we should be telling people about Jesus now. But here's a thought. Are you preparing for those who will be left behind after the rapture? Think of it this way, when the rapture happens, and we are taken up, and everyone is gone from your house. What will those who are left behind find in your home? What kind of movies and music are you leaving for them to listen to or watch? What favorites are on your computer? What pictures and apps are on your cell phone? Are they Christian sites or Apps, or maybe sites or Apps that a Christian should not be going to or using? Yes we need to prepare and warn people now, but we need to prepare things for when we are gone as well.

Here at this site, I posted a study several years ago titled "**Where did everybody go?**" and the reason I did it was because when the rapture happens, those left behind are going to want to know what happened, so this will be one place for them to find the answer.

If those left behind were to look in your home or office or workplace, will it have any answers for them? Maybe this Christmas you might want to think of ways that you can share the gospel with others to read after we are raptured and they are left behind. It could be a bible or a book or a movie or a note in a card or \_\_\_\_\_?

We think about sharing Jesus with others now, yet we never think about sharing Jesus with those who are left behind when we are gone to heaven. What you leave here when we are gone could very well be a witness to those left behind.

† **Matthew 24:36-44** *But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

† **2 Peter 3:3-4** *knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."*