

## The Sounds of Christmas: A Noisy Inn and a Mother's Lullaby

### Luke 2:1-7

Introduction: The countdown to Christmas started well before Halloween. The sounds of Christmas grow louder each day. Christmas music, specials, commercials. Louder, Louder, **Louder**.

Text: Hectic, nerve-racking, tiring experience getting ready for Christmas. So much to do. So little time. So many places to go. So much to buy.

Noises, Noises, **Noises**

LET'S CUT THROUGH IT AND SEE WHAT THE SOUNDS TELL US ABOUT Christmas.

Two sounds to explore for today: A noisy Inn surrounded by indifference and unconcern, and a mother's lullaby with God's presence.

#### I. The Sounds of Christmas tell us that there is love in a world that too often goes unnoticed.

The inn was Full Why? TAXES. Enrollment. Roman domination!

Oppression - - Bitterness

No one concerned enough to give up their room to Mary in her need.

We can be so uncaring and indifferent our personal world crumbles.

The stable was enough for God. Act of Love!

God with us – He has not let us

#### II. The Sound of Christmas remind us that there is Joy in a world that really needs it.

Crowded inn full of laughter – most unhappy

Many people in town and in the inn – laughter – no hope/happiness

Games, gifts, parties---despair, depression, suicides

ILL The Grinch who stole Christmas

Behind the inn a lullaby from the stable in the midst of great difficulties

Christmas in Christ's joy in us! God with us!

#### III. The Sounds of Christmas remind us of the inner peace and confidence in a world that doesn't know where to find it.

An anxious world with plenty to complain about

Constant tension Roman Soldiers TAXES to the enemy

**COMPLAIN, COMPLAIN, COMPLAIN**

Mary's lullaby was full of peace with no complaints

No fussing, Peace and Confidence

ILL Boy sleeping in the stall – IN HIS MOTHER'S ARMS

Conclusion: A mother died prematurely – Father and son sleeping together- the boy asked "Is your face turned toward me?" "yes" The boy then went to sleep.