

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Christmas Unpolished Road to Christmas – Luke 2:1-7

Read/Reflect

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Explore

- 3. The word translated as "inn" (katalyma) likely meant a guest room in a relative's home. There may have been no room due to overcrowding—or possibly due to rejection because of Mary's controversial pregnancy. How do you respond when faced with rejection or difficult circumstances?
- 4. How can God's provision be found even in uncomfortable or unexpected places?
- 5. Read Genesis 12:1-3. The Christmas story is rooted in God's covenant with Abraham. Just as Abraham left his home, Joseph and Mary left theirs, trusting God's promise. Jesus' birth fulfilled God's promise of a Savior. What promises of God have you seen fulfilled in your life?
- 6. How does Christmas remind you of God's faithfulness?
- 7. Read John 10:10. After Christmas, the journey continues. Jesus came to bring abundant life. Our task is to trust Him and live as blessings to others. How can you live out your faith as a journey with Jesus? What steps can you take this Christmas season to be a blessing to someone else?

Pray

• Share an important aspect of your own spiritual journey. What do you need prayer for? How can God give you "feet for the path"?