

## **Responding Properly To the Christmas Story**

### **Luke 2:1-20**

- I. The Story Itself (2:1-17)
  - A. Consider the magnitude of this story
  - B. Consider the long-reaching consequences of it
- II. The Three Responses
  - A. Wonder – “to be astonished, amazed, or to marvel”
    - 1. When do you ever feel this way?
    - 2. Do you remember what this is like?
    - 3. When is the last time the declaration of the first advent gripped you this way
  - B. Treasured Pondering
    - 1. Treasured – “to preserve or keep safe”  
OR “to store in the mind so as to not forget it”
    - 2. Pondering – to think deeply about something and give careful attention to the implications
    - 3. Does the first advent drive us to this sort of contemplation?
  - C. Glorifying and Praising God – to worship, speak highly of, to magnify through exalted speech.
    - 1. Does the first advent drive us to worship?
    - 2. Does the first advent alter our speech?
- III. What About Us, Today?
  - A. What does the first advent do to your mind and heart?
  - B. Let’s take an opportunity in this moment, to wonder, ponder, and praise.