

Responding to the Truth: The Now of Advent
Luke 2:17-20
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How do you filter and classify the news?

We typically respond to the news based on how we are affected.

How do people respond to good news of great joy?

Some Wonder - verse 18 (Wow)

Many are amazed at the news, but do not change because of the news.

They are entertained, but not changed.

I love hearing Christmas music in the stores.

How does this impact me? That is the measure of truth and meaning.

And who is the arbiter of truth?

How do some respond to the truth of Christianity?

Some Ponder - verse 19 (How)

Mary treasured, or kept, preserved the news.

We must wrestle with truth and make it ours. (Luke 1:1-4)

Have you pondered Christmas?

Some Praise - verse 20 (Now)

The shepherds acted on the revelation. They put it to the test.

Who was Lew Wallace?

We cannot honor God in any way until we obey His first command.

How do you respond to Christmas?