

Portraits of Christmas  
The Innkeeper: Ignorance Personified  
Luke 2:1-7

*“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done.”*

Revelation 22:12

**Question:** Would you feel ready if Jesus were to return today?

**Setting the context:**

1. God has promised a \_\_\_\_\_.

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ will be born in Bethlehem.

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth from me one who is to be ruler in Israel...And he shall be their peace.”

Micah 5:2,5

3. Joseph must travel back to his \_\_\_\_\_.

4. A regular place to stay was \_\_\_\_\_.

**Main Point:** Just as Bethlehem was not ready for its Savior, so we are often not ready for

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Lessons from the Innkeeper:**

1. We are often to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to notice Jesus.
2. We look for the amazing, often overlooking the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Wrap Up:**

It is easy to look at Bethlehem and see they were not ready or even looking for their Savior.

However...

Are you looking for Jesus? Are you really ready for His return? Or are we so busy that there is no room for Him to invade our time and space?

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Next week: Portraits of Christmas- Joseph