

Three Kinds of Christmas

Intro:

The Christmas season encompasses a variety of emotions and reactions. Where do you fall on the spectrum from chaos to quietness?

I. Chaotic – *stressed*

- a. Tax season! “...all the world should be taxed.” Luke 2:1 (KJV)
- b. Credit cards, Christmas cards, cookies, and travels
- c. Nine-months pregnant, a 90-mile journey, no guest room

II. Caroler – *excited*

- a. “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas!”
- b. The angel and the heavenly host
- c. The shepherds after they had seen the baby

III. Quiet - *contemplative*

- a. For some, it’s a blue season
- b. Joseph: a man of ~~few~~ no words, but faithful action
- c. “Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them...”

Close:

You may experience any or all of these emotions this time of year, depending on the day. In the end, Jesus blesses you as you look to him and receive his gift of love and grace anew.