

“Resting in Quietness”
Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2

Intro: Beneath the chaos and busyness and noise of the Advent season runs a reverberating thrum: a yearning for rest and quietness in Jesus Christ.

I. Quietness when things are wrong

- a. For Joseph, Mary’s pregnancy was wrong—at first
 - i. What *didn’t* Joseph do?
 - ii. What *did* Joseph do?
- b. “No crying he makes” is a fulfillment of prophecy
 - i. What *didn’t* Jesus do—when falsely tried?
 - ii. What *did* Jesus *always* do?

II. Quietness in the midst of mystery

- a. The angel’s explanation cleared one mystery...
- b. Mary treasured up these things and pondered them
- c. Mary and Joseph marveled together (Luke 2:33)

III. Quietness in the presence of God

- a. The shepherds caught their breath at the manger
- b. The Magi bowed before Jesus and opened their gifts

Close: There are things wrong in the world, and there are many mysteries we do not understand. This Advent season take time to turn off your devices—all screens and sounds. And take time to pray, to ponder the things of God, and to simply *be* in his presence with Jesus.