

# *Preparing the Way*

Peace



## Seeing the Arrival

- When our kids born – wondering
- Looking at Jesus arrival – knowing
- Have the story written – new significance and meaning
- Remind you who we are welcoming
- Brings peace & trust



## Jesus the Adored

- Will be recognized and responded to
- Snapshots of this truth
  - Baby leaping in womb – Luke 1:46ff
  - Temple Dedication – Luke 2
  - Crowds responding to Jesus
    - Luke 5:19 Paralytic
    - Mark 6:31 Crowds following
    - Luke 19:36 Triumphal Entry



## Jesus the Adored

- Jar of Perfume John 12
- Jesus was recognized and responded to by many.
- We have the opportunity to see and respond to Jesus
  - Appropriate to give praise & adoration



## Jesus the Rejected

- Herod killing kids – Matt 2
- Religious Establishment
  - Luke 22:2 “And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.”
- Followers & Disciples
  - Judas - Matt 26
  - Peter – Luke 22



## Jesus the Rejected

- Rejected for Barabbas Luke 23:18
- Father turns His face from Him
- Matthew 27:46 “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”



## Jesus the Exalted

- Angels Announcement – Luke 2
- Baptism of Jesus – Mark 1:11
- Mount of Transfiguration – Luke 9:29
- Resurrection of Jesus – Matt 28
- Ascension of Jesus – Acts 1
  - “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



## So What?

- As we celebrate Jesus Birth
- Come and Adore Him
  - Right to respond to the miracle – God with us
- See God willing to humble himself, be rejected on your behalf
- See the Exalted Christ – promised savior of people
  - Respond to Him

