

2015 December 24 Have you heard?

It helps to listen to messages or music when I drive long distance. It can be interesting to hear what is on the radio. Here are portions of three songs that I have heard during my travels.

“Come and see what’s happenin’ in the barn!
I’ve not seen anything like since I’ve been on this farm!
That couple campin’ out there has a baby in their arms.
Go see what’s happenin’ out there in the barn!”

“Once on a hillside, people were gathered
Watching as Jesus was crucified.
No one showed mercy to the One Who had healed them.
Yet Jesus loved them as He suffered and died.”

“Joseph got his tomb back.
Some say they don’t know; I believe it’s a fact.
Joseph got his tomb back.”

The birth of a baby in a stable in crowded town during census season might not have attracted any attention. But the arrival of those excited shepherds telling of seeing angels and hearing a message from God surely did.

Years later, the execution of criminals by crucifixion by the Romans was common. But on this day, the One on the center cross was dying for the sins of all mankind. Jesus Christ, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, had lived a sinless life and was dying for us.

Joseph of Arimathea provided a tomb for his dead Lord. Nicodemus provided the spices for wrapping the body. It sounds like they thought this was the end. They were wrong. Joseph’s tomb was only borrowed for three days, and then he got it back.

Have you heard? Jesus came—born in Bethlehem. He lived a sinless life and died for our sins. He rose again from the dead and is coming again! Come and see, and go and tell!

Have a blessed Christmas!
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