

# Advent Week Three

Day 21, Saturday, December 18th

"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

Luke 2:19-20

The shepherds left their visit glorifying and rejoicing about what they had just experienced. It was all true, the angel's song was true! In the midst of everything going on around her, Mary treasured and pondered all that she had heard in her heart. Imagine her expectation about her son's life! How overwhelming! She was already preparing to see everything that Jesus would do.

If you're like me, then you often forget and misplace things all over your home. It's the worst feeling! But there is something our hearts need even more than the things we misplace: the presence of Christ in our lives. That has to be our main treasure. It has to stay in a place of priority.

Today, with so much fighting for our attention, and so much information available, it becomes more difficult to focus on what's important to keep in your heart. Too many things having a little bit of our attention means less attention to give to the big things.

If Christ is out of place in the room of our heart, our whole life becomes a mess. Do not let Jesus be in your heart like a forgotten shoe in the corner of the room or a dust bunny under your bed. Make Jesus the floor, the walls, the windows, and the decorations of your heart.

**REFLECT:** Whatever you do today, let it emerge from the joy that comes from meditation and celebration of the good news. It should be the most visible thing in our lives. Take time today to treasure this in your heart and ponder what God has done in your life already.

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me to treasure Jesus as my main thought, through all my days. May Christ rule over all my feelings too, and give me courage and wisdom to be your witness. Amen.