

1. [Grou...

2. **Luke's First CHRISTMAS**  
Part II  
The Predictable Surprise  
Luka chapter 7

3. **Erasmus/Surprise**  
When I'm astonished that God gives me a role in his certain plan to redeem the world.

4. Have a \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas!

5. Have a MEANINGFUL Christmas!

6. **What is a MEANINGFUL Christmas?**  
3 things working against you:  
- Material Christmas Obsession: neglect of spiritual health caused by dedication to the frantic pursuit of stuff and status.  
- Over-response to "No!" under examination of the Biblical Christmas story.

7. What God is "leaving wild" in the Christmas story:  
"Long by the world, its sin and error plighting..."

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9. [Luka's gift] to us 5:14

10. Inasmuch as every hour unfolds to complete a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us... Just as those who from the beginning have experienced and ministers of the word have delivered them to us... it is natural good to pay due, loving heed to all things done for some time past... to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus... that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

11. I. Surprised by certainty:

12. **Zacharias** ("God remembers")  
Luka 1:5-25, 61-29  
-Response to certainty/Surprise, lack of belief  
-Result of unbelief (personal negative consequences, ultimately, but "he repaid us certainty")

13. **Erasmus** ("God is my faith")  
Luka 2:28-35, 38-40, 51-52  
-Response to certainty/joy, then "No!"; then Joy!  
-Result of doubt (unnecessary worry (the impact on certainty))

14. **Mary** ("obedient, obedient")  
Luka 1:26-38  
-Response to certainty/Surprise, then wonder, then humble obedience  
-Result of humble obedient worship of the God of certainty!

15. **The Christmas story:** God's plan to redeem the world including you-Please be receptive.  
"Get out over an end enter in.  
Be born in us today!"  
"Go tell it on the mountain!"