



## Do You See?

Do You See What I See?, Part 1  
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### Message Notes

**See The Stable – Jesus with us in the real world.** Read Luke 2:1-7

When God sent Jesus into our world, He intentionally decided not to shelter Him from the harsh realities of this life. The story of Christmas is that Jesus was born right in the midst of real life in all its brokenness. The stable reminds us that God sent Jesus to live in the real world with us. When the Bible urges us to pour our hearts out to Christ when we face disappointment, pain, and the struggles of this life, we can do so with absolute assurance that Jesus understands. He's been there (See Hebrews 4:15). What does your real life feel like right now? Do you see the stable. It's a reminder this Christmas that Jesus understands. He's been there. He can identify.

**See The Star – Finding God in unexpected places.** Read Matthew 2:1-12.

What happens when you've been following a star, and it leads you to a stable? Sometimes when you follow a star, it doesn't lead you where you want to go. When we come to the stables in our lives, let us be wise and remember to look for God, bring Him the best we have to offer and let us allow Him to change the direction of our lives, enabling us to become the great men and women of God He wants us to be.

**See the Manger – The Ordinary becomes Extraordinary.** See Luke 2:7.

Because God's Son was laid in a manger, look what happened to an ordinary piece of farm furniture. All of a sudden it has a new dignity and new purpose. See the manger. It is a lasting symbol of what can happen to an ordinary man or woman when Jesus Christ is birthed inside. When Jesus Christ dwells in our hearts, by His Spirit, our ordinary life gives way to the extraordinary.

So *Do You See* it? Do you see what God sees? Do you see the stable (Christ knows your struggle)? Do you see the star (Watch for God in the most unexpected places)? Do you see the manger (ordinary transformed to extraordinary – new purpose)?

Seeing Christmas clearly brings clarity to your life.

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# Life Application Questions

1. What is your favorite thing to 'see' during the Christmas season?
2. Read Luke 2:1-7. How might things be different if Jesus was born in a palace and grew up in the lap of luxury?
3. What is the main message behind Jesus' birth in a very common stable?
4. Read Matthew 2:1-12. What "star" have you followed only to discover it didn't lead you where you hoped to go?
5. When the star led the wisemen to an obscure village to a baby born in impoverished conditions, how did they choose to respond? What can you learn from their example?
6. Read Luke 2:7. How and why was a common piece of farm equipment transformed and given a new purpose?
7. What life lesson can you take away from the "manger"?
8. How does this view of Christmas – seeing it clearly – help you this Christmas season?