

Why would God come to us in such poverty? Why does God come so humbly? What is there about God that causes Him to bend so low? Why does God come, a tiny child, wrapped in swaddling clothes laid in a manger? Why does God prefer the poor, the weak, the sinner?

Well God doesn't prefer the poor. He loves us all. Yet He welcomes sinners and prostitutes, the deaf, the lame, the blind. Why? God is very fond of the humble.

This past Thursday morning there was a woman walking on the sidewalk around our Church. I suspect she was a prostitute. Maybe she had a hungry child or two at home. What would Jesus have done? He loved to welcome sinners.

Down our streets there are drug addicts. Let's be careful of them. Maybe they are violent. But Jesus came for them. That's who He came for.

There are millions of starving people in Africa and other places. He wants to be among them. He wants us to feed them and that includes me.

And just think of this, Jesus began life in a place with corrupt leaders, a baby born poor, oppressed and rejected in a messy unclean place. What is there about God that causes Him to act that way? What does He see that we don't see?

What does God see in you and me? Maybe God sees a humble heart where Jesus is longed for and is welcome. Surely Jesus wants to be born in your heart. Maybe God sees a heart in love with the poor. Surely God wants to be born there.

Maybe God sees a confused, frightened teenager looking for friendship, for love. Surely Jesus wants to be born there. The fragile old woman, yes Jesus wants to be born there.

But who will tell them? How will they know? Jesus tells us, "You are the light of the world." You can tell them; you can bring them the glad tidings that Jesus wants to be born in their heart this Christmas Day.

Our Savior is revealed to you this day in the infant Jesus who is lying in a manger.

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