

The Night Was Anything But Silent

Luke 2:1-20

Let's consider the night of Christ's birth. Isn't it interesting that "*the Light of the World*" was born in the night.

One thing I enjoy about the Christmas season is Christmas music. During this time of the year Christmas songs are on the radio... in shopping malls... sung by carolers, and in church services. I like it all!

With all the Christmas songs played during this time, I began to wonder—What is the most popular Christmas carol of all time. So I googled it and discovered the number one Christmas carol is "*Silent Night*." *TIME* magazine researched the records at the U.S. Copyright Office and found that "*Silent Night*" has 733 copyrighted recordings since 1978.

I like the song "*Silent Night*," but I question some of its lyrics. For example, the song begins: "Silent Night. Holy Night. All is calm. All is bright." I don't want to spoil this beautiful Christmas carol for you, but the Bible indicates the night Jesus was born was

The subject of my sermon is "***The Night Was Anything But Silent.***"

➡[READ TEXT— Luke 2:1-20]

- I. **The STABLE was anything but silent.** Think the setting of Christ's birth. Cattle, sheep, chickens, etc.
 - A. Not a silent night . Was he perfectly calm?
 1. What was going through his mind, knowing he was not the father of this child being born of Mary? (Mt. 1:20).
 2. Joseph's life was literally turned upside down! Christ's birth would turn the world upside down! How could he be calm?
 3. When Christ comes into a person's life, their life will never be the same (2 Cor. 5:17). Christ turned my life upside-down.
 - B. Not a silent night .
 1. I've never seen a mother calm or silent as she traveled in giving birth. Most births are accompanied by cries of labor pangs.

C. Their speaking was EFFECTIVE—“*And all that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.*”

D. Their speaking was EXCITING—“*They returned **glorifying and praising God***” (v. 20). We have something to be excited about!

: I think one of our problems as Christians is,
when we should be bold about speaking of Him!

How can we be silent about all the Lord has done for us!

If you remain silent about Christ’s coming or have little interest in speaking boldly about Him, what does that say about your faith in Christ?

Silence isn’t always **golden**—Sometimes it’s just plain **yellow**!

Is silence golden when you know someone is traveling down a road to certain destruction? Is silence golden for a doctor who has the cure of a person’s illness, but keeps it to himself? Too often we speak what people want to hear instead of what they need to hear—The Truth (cf. Gal. 4:16).

The late Dan Adkins, sang at our church in Port Orchard several years ago. He collaborated in writing the song, “***The Night Was Anything But Silent.***” It was later recorded by Jonathan White and Shiloh. Some of the lyrics:

*The heavens rang; The angels sang—Echoing the glad refrain.
That night was anything but silent.*

*Songs of hope were everywhere—Joyful praises filled the air!
That night was anything but silent.*

*Music filled the earth, Proclaiming Christ's holy birth.
That night was anything but silent.*

*Shepherds came to see the Lord, then went out to spread the word.
That night was anything but silent!*

- The angels were not silent? Why should we be silent?
- The shepherds were not silent? Why should we remain silent?