



## Midweek Meditation



*"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God." Luke 2:13*

The survey results are out. The favorite Christmas songs Americans love to sing along to are "Jingle Bell Rock," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Now I don't have anything against these songs. I actually enjoy them. But is this what Christmas has become? The first Christmas song was sung by the angels in the night sky above Bethlehem many centuries ago. And I don't think they were singing "Jingle Bell Rock," or any song about Santa or Rudolf. They were singing of the Christ Child born of Mary. The truth is that only Jesus matters. Take Christ out of Christmas and you have a winter festival. But with Jesus as the heart and center of Christmas, we are free to enjoy everything else as well, even songs about Santa. In these days leading up to Christmas, may we be led to prepare for the "one thing needful," our Savior from sin, death, and hell: Jesus Christ.

*Lord Jesus, You were born for me and for my salvation. Help me to keep You as the heart and center of Christmas and also of my life. Amen.*