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Christmas Eve

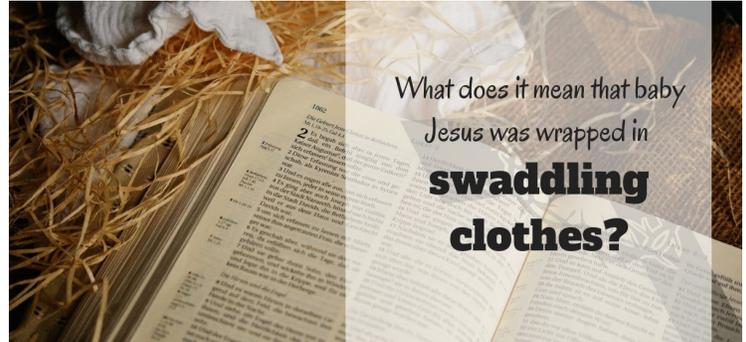
6PM SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

11PM SERVICE IN CHAPEL



Christmas Day
&
New Year's Day
One Service at
10:00 AM in
the Chapel

If you can't make it to church, you can catch the livestream on Facebook! (Just click the icon below.)



What does it mean that baby Jesus was wrapped in **swaddling clothes?**

December 24 — Christmas Eve

Sermon Title: "Get Up!" Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

December 25 — Christmas Day

Sermon Title: "Talk It Up!" Scripture: John 1:1-5, 9-14

As I get ready for this coming week's worship services, I am still wondering what "swaddling clothes" are? Better yet, what did the swaddling clothes of Jesus' time look like?

According to some of my theological books and teachings, the materials back in Jesus' time were very simple, almost always made of one material only. This was especially true of the clothing of the Jews since it was against Jewish law to blend or create more than two fabrics together (see *Leviticus 19:19*).

If there is anything we can say about the swaddling clothes back then, it is that they were very plain and simple. One of my sermon materials wrote it this way, "A baby in the manger is carefully wrapped by Mary in a simple cloth, a simple cloth, used to bind a newborn for protection, is the evidence of Incarnation. A simple cloth, used to wash tired feet, is evidence of who Jesus is and will be. A simple cloth is used to wrap the broken body of God's beloved; it's evidence of grief and loss. It will also be a simple cloth that provides us with the only evidence we need of the Resurrection." (*The Upper Room Disciplines, Upper Room Books, 2022, page 424*).

May our words and deeds this Christmas season be evidence of what the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has done in our lives for the transformation of the world around us. Amen.

