

# “The Redemption of Scrooge”

By Matt Rawle  
Lead Pastor - Asbury UMC  
Bossier City, LA

# The Many Faces of Scrooge







**Bah! Humbug!**

Matthew 20:1 – 16

## Workers in the Vineyard

Matthew 20:1 – 16  
Workers in the Vineyard

Would you say the workers got what they deserved?

Matthew 20:1 – 16  
Workers in the Vineyard

What does this parable tell us about  
God's grace?

Matthew 20:1 – 16  
Workers in the Vineyard

Who doesn't deserve God's grace?



# What Child is This?

1865

**What Child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are  
keeping?**

**This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing**

**Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?**

**Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent word is pleading.**

**So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come Peasant, King to own Him**

**The King of Kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

# Reflections on the Carol

- Why would we worship a baby born in a stable to an ordinary family?
- Shepherds saw angels singing and 3 kings brought precious gifts. An ordinary baby?
- Scrooge isn't ready to give gifts. What will it take to change his stingy self?
- What will it take to change *your* stingy self?

# Reflections on the Carol



**Jane  
Marshall**

Dallas  
Hymnwriter

1924-2019

“What gift can we bring, what present, what token? ...  
What song can we offer in honor and praise?”

**Bah! Humbug!**

# Reflection

- Do you believe that Jesus came to save us from counting our past as our only reality?
- Do you believe that God invites everyone into his kingdom?
- How do you feel called to respond to God's grace?
- During this holiday season, how might you practice the spiritual discipline of slowing down to notice God's presence?

P\*\*E\*\*A\*\*C\*\*E

Today our church lights the first Advent candle. The candle of Peace.

"Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me."