

A Worship Minute.....

-from "From the Manger to the Cross" by Jeff Doles

A manger is nothing more than a crib for fodder. A place for creatures to receive nourishment. A feed trough. Not a suitable place for infants, certainly not for a newborn King. But that is where the Baby Jesus lay, wrapped about in strips of cloth. A very humble scene indeed. And yet, it was a sign - *the* sign of a very great and special person, the Savior and Messiah promised by God. And so this simple manger became the emblem of good tidings and great joy.

"You shall call His name **Jesus**." Those are the words that were spoken to Joseph by an angel of the Lord on an earlier occasion. "You shall call His name **Jesus**, for He shall save His people from their sins." The name of Jesus is very significant. It is the Greek form of the Hebrew *Yeshua*, the Old Testament word for "salvation". It means, "The Lord saves", and includes everything that goes along with salvation: deliverance, restoration, security, wholeness and prosperity. That is exactly what this Babe in the manger was called - all wrapped up in the name **Jesus!**