

## The Birth of the Savior, Christ the Lord

Luke 2:1-20

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
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## The "Inhabited World" is The Setting For the Birth of Messiah

■ **Luke 2:1 - 3**

Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city.

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
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## Messiah Linked to David and Bethlehem

■ **Luke 2:4, 5**

Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

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## Messianic Prophecy

### ■ Micah 5:2

“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
From you One will go forth for Me to be  
ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from  
long ago, From the days of eternity.”

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## The Birth of Christ

### ■ Luke 2:6 - 7

And it came about that while they were  
there, the days were completed for her to  
give birth. And she gave birth to her first-  
born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths,  
and laid Him in a manger, because there  
was no room for them in the inn.

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## Lowly Shepherds Are The “Humble”

### ■ Luke 2:8

And in the same region there were some  
shepherds staying out in the fields, and  
keeping watch over their flock by night.

### ■ Luke 1:52

He has brought down rulers from their  
thrones, And has exalted those who were  
humble.

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## The Glory of God Appears to Shepherds at Night

### ■ Luke 2:9

And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

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## Zacharias' Prophecy

### ■ Luke 1:78, 79

Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
With which the Sunrise from on high shall  
visit us, To shine upon those who sit in  
darkness and the shadow of death, To guide  
our feet into the way of peace.

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## From "Great Fear" To "Great Joy"

### ■ Luke 2:10

And the angel said to them, "Do not be  
afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a  
great joy which shall be for all the people"

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### Caesar's "Good Tidings"

Paullus Fabius Maximus:

"It is hard to tell whether the birthday of the most divine Caesar is a matter of greater pleasure or benefit. We could justly hold it to be the equivalent to the beginning of all things. . . And he has given a different aspect to the whole world, which blindly would have embraced its own destruction if Caesar had not been born for the benefit of all."

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### Caesar's "Good Tidings"

The Provincial Assembly:

"Whereas the providence which divinely ordered our lives created with zeal and munificence the most perfect good for our lives by producing Augustus . . . For the benefaction of mankind, sending us and those after us a savior who put an end to war and established all-things; . . ."

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### Caesar's "Good Tidings"

The Provincial Assembly:

". . . And whereas Caesar when he appeared exceeded the hopes of all who had anticipated good tidings . . . ; and whereas the birthday of the god marked for the world the beginning of good tidings through his coming . . ."

Cited from Green, *The Gospel of Luke*, 133

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### God's "Good Tidings"

■ **Luke 2:10**

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people"

■ **Isaiah 40:9**

Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; Lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

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### The Davidic Messiah, The Lord, is Lying in a Feeding Trough

■ **Luke 2:11, 12**

for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger.

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### Peace for Those Who Find God's Good Favor

■ **Luke 2:13, 14**

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

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## Peace With God; Not Peace on Earth

### ■ Luke 12:51

Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division;

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## The Shepherds Go to See the Sign

### ■ Luke 2:15

And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

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## The Shepherds Testify

### ■ Luke 2:16, 17

And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

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## Many Wondered; Mary Treasured

### ■ Luke 2:18, 19

And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

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## The Shepherds, Like the Heavenly Host, Glorify and Praise God

### ■ Luke 2:20

And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

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## Application

- How to know you have favor with God and therefore peace

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### Peace With God

#### ■ **Romans 4:24, 25 (KJV)**

But for us also [like Abraham], to whom it [righteousness] shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

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### Peace With God

#### ■ **Romans 5:1 (KJV)**

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

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