

**"Born For You A Savior"**  
**Luke 2:1-20**  
**Sunday Morning, December 24, 2023**

**Ephesians 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;**

**Luke's Account Is Both Natural And Supernatural:**

The King, being born in a little town, was placed in a feeding trough.

**The story is more Rags to Royalty!**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "God Becoming Flesh Was Foretold By The Prophets, Announced By Angels, And Witnessed By Man."

1. Verses 1-7 Birth Of Jesus:
2. Verses 8-14 Birth Announcement:
3. Verses 15-20 Birth Testimony:

**1. Verses 1-7 Birth Of Jesus:**

**Luke 2:1 Now in those days**

**Context** - a reference to the "*days of John the Baptist*" that Luke just spoke about in **Luke 1**

**a decree went out from Caesar Augustus,**

He was the great nephew of **Julius Caesar.**

**"Augustus"** which means "*holy, or revered.*"

Later, through **Caesar Augustus**, around (**September 23, 60 AD**), several cities adopted as the New Year came; they hailed him as "*Savior*" and "*The Savior of the world.*"

**"The baby Mary carried was not a Caesar, who would become a god, but the true God who had become a man!"**

**Luke 2:2 while (Before) Quirinius (6 AD) was governor of Syria.**

**First census was taken** – to find the ages and the numeric breakdown of the Roman Empire.

**census** A politically correct way of not saying "**Tax**"

**Luke 2:3-4 from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David,**  
About 90-miles

**Micah** foretold 700 years before Jesus' birth. **Micah 5:2; Proverbs 21:1**

**Bethlehem** - means "*house of bread*" **John 6:35 "I am the bread of life;**

Jesus came from the "**House of bread**" to be "**the bread of life**"

(Fulfilling The Davidic Covenant **2 Samuel 7**)

**Luke 2:5 in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, (Not married yet) and was with child.** This fills us in on God's plan.

**Luke 2:6 While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.** God's timing led them to the right place. God's timetable, the right time.

**Luke 2:7 she gave birth to her first-born son;**  
Mary had other children, sons and daughters – **Mark 6:3; Luke 8:19-21; Acts 1:14; Galatians 1:19; Jude 1:1**

**her first-born son;**  
This is called "**The Virgin Birth**" **Matthew 1:18, 21; Luke 1:34-35**

This is called the "**First Advent of the Son of God**" (His First Coming)

**The Incarnation of the Son of God.** (God in flesh and blood body)

**The Virgin Birth of the Son of God.** (Mary conceived of the Holy Spirit.)

**Genesis 3:15** God would send a deliverer that would break the bondage of Satan and sin. **1 Peter 2:24**

**she wrapped Him in cloths,** This was strips and pieces of cloth

**and laid Him in a manger,**  
That is a feeding trough. Some were made of stones, and others were made of wood.

**Lowly Birth - lowly life:**  
Did not come to be served but to serve the servant king.

**Lowly Death - He would die the death of a criminal:**  
He would die in between two thieves.

**Jesus did not wear sparkling remnant:**  
At the cross, they gambled for His garment.

**The King did not ride a horse on His triumphal entry - He came on a donkey:**

**because there was no room for them in the inn. John 1:11**

## **2. Verses 8-14 Birth Announcement:**

**Luke 2:8 same region there were some shepherds –**  
Shepherds were considered at the bottom of the social structure.

They were not considered worthy of testimony in court.

### **Why did God choose shepherds? 3 Suggestions**

**1. Jesus Was The Lamb of God** - (Takes away the sins of the world.)

**John 1:36**

**2. Jesus Was Called "The Great Shepherd of the Sheep"** Hebrews 13:20

**3. Shepherds Were A Picture Of Needy Mankind –**

**"God used earth's lowest to do God's highest" Romans 3:23**

**Luke 2:9 an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them,**

Possibly Gabriel.

**the glory of the Lord shone around them;**

Splendor, the brightness of God.

**and they were terribly frightened.**

What they saw was out of their realm.

**Luke 2:10 "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you**

(The angel let them know this was a good encounter) **good news** – "*gospel*"

That God had provided deliverance from sin.

(The first preacher was an angel, followed by the shepherds)

**of great joy** - Will produce a joy that will last for all of eternity.

**which will be for all the people;** This "*Good News*" the gift is for all.

**Luke 2:11 city of David (Bethlehem) there has been born for you a**

**Savior, "rescuer" who is Christ** - "*chosen one.*"

**the Lord** - "*God Himself*" "*The rescuer, the chosen one, God Himself*"

**"Salvation is God's greatest work which meets Man's greatest need, the forgiveness of sin."**

**Luke 2:12-13 (heavenly host** - "*army announcing peace*"

Tens of thousands of angels praising God!) **Hebrews 1:6; Deuteronomy 32:43**

**Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest,**

God exalted to the highest heavens, beyond the earth

**And on earth peace among men** 27 BC. The Roman government had legislated the "*Pax Romana.*" The Roman temple (Temple of War) of the god **Janus** was closed

**with whom He is pleased."** "*Among men of whom God's favor rests.*"

*Those who place their faith and trust in God!*

### **3. Verses 15-20 Birth Testimony:**

**Luke 2:15 The Shepherds Listened & Believed:**

**"Let us go straight to Bethlehem then,**

(The shepherds were more spiritual than the theologians. They recognized the message as being of God!) **Luke 1:52**

**see this thing "this word" that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."**

The Shepherds determined to go at the **Right Time,**

The Shepherds went to the **Right Place** (Bethlehem)

The Shepherds went for the **Right Purpose,** (See this thing, this word!)

**Luke 2:16 So they came in a hurry – Quick Obedience**

**Shepherds Went To See: found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.**

**What a Reward - to find that God's Word is true: Fulfilled word **Luke 2:12****

**Luke 2:17 they made known the statement**

The Shepherds were the first preachers of Jesus Christ.

**When we become receivers, we also become givers.**

**which had been told them about this Child.** It was a true statement

**Luke 2:18 And all who heard it wondered** (*Amazed 13 times in Luke*)

**Luke 2:19 Mary treasured all these things,** *"to keep in mind less we forget."*

**pondering them in her heart.** *"to throw together, to bring together."*

**Luke 2:20 Shepherds Go: shepherds went back**

**Shepherds Worship God: glorifying** the glory went to the Lord, not man.

**Praising God For Revealing His Son: praising God for all that they had heard and seen,**

### **Application:**

1. The Child Mary Carried Was Not A Caesar Who Would Become A god, But The True God Who Had Become A Man.
2. Believing That Jesus Is The Son Of God Who Came In The Flesh Is Not Only Orthodoxy But Necessary For Salvation. **Luke 2:11**
3. The Announcement Of Jesus Birth Was First Made To Shepherds. This Reveals God's Desire To Save All People Because All People Are In Need Of Salvation.