

**"Born For You A Savior"
Luke 2:1-20
Sunday Morning, December 21, 2025**

**The Bible teaches that by faith Jesus enters into every person's heart -
Ephesians 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;**

Christmas Celebrates God Sending His Only Son To Be Born In The Flesh To Die In Our Place So We Could Become Children Of God!

Luke's Purpose: "Knowing The Exact Truth About Jesus Christ" Luke 1:4

Theme Of Luke: "Jesus Christ The Perfect Man" Written to Greeks

Luke 1:1-4:13 The Introduction Of The Son Of Man:

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

- 1. Verses 1-7 Savior's Birth:**
- 2. Verses 8-14 Savior's Birth Announcement:**
- 3. Verses 15-20 Savior's Birth Testimony:**

1. Verses 1-7 Savior's Birth:

Luke 2:1 Now in those days

Context - a reference to those "*days of John the Baptist*" that Luke just spoke about in **Luke 1**. Mary returns to Galilee after the birth of John.

Matthew 1:18-20 The Angel lets Joseph know that Mary's pregnancy was of God.

a decree went out from Caesar Augustus;

He was the great-nephew of **Julius Caesar**. He was a born fighter and pulled the kingdom together. 1st Caesar to be called "**Augustus**," which means "*holy, or revered.*" *At that time, it was used only of the gods.*

Luke 2:2 first census taken -

This was a census to discover the ages of and the numeric breakdown of the Roman Empire.

Luke 2:3 And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Each person would need to return to their place of birth then pay a tax in that city.

Luke 2:4 Bethlehem About 90-mile journey
700 years before Jesus' birth. **Micah 5:2; Proverbs 21:1**

Bethlehem - means "*house of bread*" **John 6:35**

Jesus was born in the "**House of bread**" to be "**the bread of life**"
(Jesus being the fulfillment of The Davidic Covenant **2 Samuel 7**)

Luke 2:5 who was engaged to him, (Not married yet) **and was with child.**

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 At The Right Time.**"

Luke 2:7 she gave birth to her first-born son;

Later 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**

The 1st Promise Of Jesus:

Genesis 3:15 This is the universal must-have gift that God has provided
for mankind. **1 Peter 2:24**

she wrapped Him in cloths,

These were strips/pieces of cloth that were wrapped around the child to keep
them warm and to protect/keep their limbs straight.

and laid Him in a manger,

That is a feeding trough. Some were made of stones; others were made of wood.

**The manger spoke of Jesus' lifestyle and mission. His birth was the
beginning of the emptying of the Son of God.**

because there was no room for them in the inn.

There never seems to be room for Jesus. John 1:11

2. Verses 8-14 Savior's Birth Announcement:

Luke 2:8 same region there were some **shepherds** - Shepherds were
considered the bottom of the social structure. They were not considered worthy of
testimony in court. But **God chose them to be the 1st witnesses and give the
1st testimony of the greatest event of all creation.**

Why did God choose shepherds?

1. Jesus Was The Lamb of God - 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 Accomplish 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, brightness of God.

and they were terribly frightened.
What they saw was of a supernatural realm.

Luke 2:10 "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news – "gospel"
That God had provided deliverance from sin.

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.

Why is it for all people? Because all people sin

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" This
gift is for you. "**The rescuer, the chosen one, God Himself**"

**"Salvation is God's greatest work which meets man's greatest need,
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 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 Savior's Birth Testimony:

Luke 2:15 **The Shepherds Listened & Believed:** the shepherds began
saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then,
(These shepherds were more spiritual than the theologians, and they recognized
the message as being of God!) **Luke 1:52** Mary's Magnificat

**and 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** (Now!)
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
Shepherds were the 1st 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) The true meaning of Christmas causes us to marvel at the greatness of God.

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 Return: shepherds went back

I wondered if they wanted to?

Shepherds Worshiped 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,

It was God not them, that they praised or thanked.

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: **John 8:24; Luke 2:11**
3. The Announcement Of Jesus' Birth Was First Made To The Shepherds. This Reveals God's Desire To Save All People Because All People Need Salvation: **Romans 3:23-24**