

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"The Birth Of Jesus Christ"**  
**Luke 2:1-20**  
**Study-6**

**The Angel Gabriel Announced To Mary That Jesus Was Going To Be A King With A Kingdom That Would Never End: Luke 1:32-33**

**Zechariah Said That Jesus Would Be The Light: Luke 1:78-79**

**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 The Birth Of Jesus**
- 2. Verses 8-14 The Birth Announcement**
- 3. Verses 15-20 The Birth Testimony**

**1. Verses 1-7 The 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, Matthew 1:18-20**

**a decree went out from Caesar Augustus,**  
He was the great-nephew of Julius Caesar. First Caesar to be called "**Augustus**" which means "*holy, or revered*" *At that time, was used only of the gods.*

**"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 first census taken** – This was a census to find the ages of and the numeric break down of the Roman empire. Tax

**Luke 2:3** Each person would need to return to their place of birth then pay a tax in that city.

**Luke 2:4 from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem** - About 90-mile journey.

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

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

Jesus came from the "**House of bread**" to be "**the bread of life**"  
(Fulfilling The Davidic Covenant **2 Samuel 7**)

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

**Luke 2:6** We see how God leads them to the **right place**, God leads them at 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.)

The promise was first made back in **Genesis 3:15; 1 Peter 2:24**

**she wrapped Him in cloths**, - These were strips and pieces of cloth that were wrapped around a child to keep warm and to protect and keep their limbs straight.

**and laid Him in a manger**, - That is a feeding trough. Made of stones, others of wood.

**The manger spoke of Jesus' lifestyle and mission.**

**Lowly Birth - lowly life:** He did not come to be served but to serve

**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.

**Jesus did not wear a gold crown - But did wear a crown of thorns:**

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

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

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

**Why did God choose shepherds?**

- 1. Jesus is the Lamb of God** - He was to be slaughtered for the sins of the world.
- 2. Jesus is also called "The Great Shepherd of the Sheep"** - He is the great shepherd that would lay down His life for the sheep.
- 3. Shepherds are a picture of needy mankind** - "God used earth's lowest to do God's highest"

**Luke 2:9 the glory of the Lord shone around them;** splendor, 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*"

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

**which will be for all the people;** These "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*"

What does "**All**" mean? It simply means for all people.

**has been born for you**

**"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; Deut 32:43**

Notice that the praise to God continues in this next chapter. **Elizabeth, Mary, Zacharias**, now **angels**. Break forth with praise. Praise of God is universal, in all times.

**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) 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 The Birth Testimony**

**Luke 2:15**

**The Shepherds Listened & Believed: the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, Luke 1:52 has exalted those who were humble.**

**and see this thing** "*this word*"

The Shepherds determined to go at the **Right Time**, (Now!)  
not commanded

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 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; we can stand on the Word of God. (There was the child as described by the angel)

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

**Luke 2:19 But** (*Contrast*) **Mary treasured all these things**, Mary was not vocal, she kept it inside! *"to keep in mind lest we forget"*

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

**Luke 2:20**

**Shepherds Go: shepherds went back**

**Shepherds Tell: went back, glorifying and praising God**

The glory went to the Lord not man.

**Praising God For All He Has Done: 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.