

"The Most Important Birth"
Luke 2:1-7
Christmas Eve, 5:00 PM 2021

The most loved Christmas Passage is in Luke's Gospel. The story is 2000 years old but is ever new; God's people never tire of it. **Luke 1:1-4**

"The truth about the meaning of Christmas! "The Greatest Birth"

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

1. Verses 1-3 Preparation Of God:

Luke 2:1 Now it came about in those days

This is a reference to the days of John the Baptist, that are covered in **Luke 1**, so Luke continues the account.

that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus - He was the adopted son of Julius Caesar and took the Caesar name. The name *Augustus* is a title. When he came to power he got rid of the republic and became the first emperor.

"inhabited earth" "Roman Empire" *"When you move beyond the boundaries of the Roman Empire you are no longer on this earth!"*

Luke 2:2 first census taken - (Rome took a census every 14 years) This is another way of saying "Taxation" levying a poll tax.

Population census (to see what the ages of and the **numeric break down** of the kingdom), to find out their **occupation** and what their **possessions** consisted of.

Luke 2:3 And all were proceeding to register for the census,

Joseph and Mary had to travel from **Nazareth to Bethlehem which is 80 miles**. It would normally take three days to make this journey, but Mary being pregnant, it probably took much longer. (One Week)

Micah 5:2

Preparation Of God: The Lord put it in the heart of the King to require a census. Proverbs 21:1

2. Verses 4-5 Providence Of God:

Luke 2:4

Providence: *"to see and to provide"* Joseph of the Kingly line, Mary the bloodline that started with Eve. God's providence of putting them together, having them both submissive to His will!

Luke 1:38 And Mary said, "**Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word.**"

Bethlehem - Means *"House of Bread"* The appropriate place for Jesus' birth.

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life;**

because he (Joseph) was of the house and family of David, Joseph's bloodline was that of King David, Jesus would have been the natural King.

Luke 2:5 in This fills us in on God's plan.

3. Verses 6-7 Presentation Of God:

Luke 2:6 And it came about that while they were there, this event was not just a matter of fact, or just some coincidence. It had been spoken by **Micah** 700 years prior to this.

days were completed for her to give birth. God's timetable, the right place. There is such a peace when you are in Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:7 she gave birth to her first-born son; This is called *"The Virgin Birth"*

Matthew 1:18

Jesus Christ, Jesus - Is the Greek form of the Hebrew name for *"Joshua"- "Jehovah Savior,"* or *"Jehovah saves."* This tells us that Jehovah in the Old Testament is Jesus of the New Testament. He is God. **Matthew 1:21**

The term **Christ** - *"Anointed one," "Messiah."* So, His name is *"Jehovah Savior The Messiah, The Son of God"* **Luke 1:31-35**

Isaiah 9:6 **For a child will be born to us,**

John 1:14 And the **Word became flesh,**

Jesus is God's gift to the world, the one who came to save us from our sins. The promise was first made back in **Genesis 3:15;**
1 Peter 2:24

Christmas - is the "First Advent of the Son of God" (or His first coming.)
Christmas - is the "Incarnation of the Son of God" (God taking on flesh)
Christmas - is "Jesus conceived of the Holy Spirit" (Virgin Birth)

But the wonder of heaven was not shared by many in Jesus' day!
Shepherds Luke 2:11, 13-14

Matthew 2 some **Wise Men**

she wrapped Him in cloths, this was strips and pieces of cloth or rags that were wrapped around the child, to keep Jesus warm and to protect Him.

and laid Him in a manger, that is a feeding trough.

The manger spoke of Jesus' lifestyle and mission. This was the beginning of the emptying of The Son Of God.

Lowly Birth - lowly life.

Lowly Death - He would die the death of a criminal.

He did not wear sparkling remnant - At the cross they gambled for His one-piece garment.

Did not wear a gold crown - But did wear a crown of thorns.

The King did not ride a horse on His triumphal entry

Application:

1. Confess - That I Am A Sinner, I Have Sinned Against God:
Romans 3:23

Luke 2:10-11 (Jesus Is Called The Savior Because Humanity Is Lost!)

2. Repent - Turn, Forsake Our Sins (U-turn), A New Direction.
Acts 3:19

3. Receive - Believe, Place Your Faith In Jesus Christ. John 10:9