

"The Birth of Jesus Christ"
Luke 2:1-7
Christmas Eve, 6:00 PM 2009

- 1. Verses 1-3 – God's Preparation**
- 2. Verses 4-5 – God's Providence**
- 3. Verses 6-7 – God's Presentation**

1. Verses 1-3 – God's Preparation:

Luke 2:1

that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. "When you move beyond the boundaries of the Roman Empire you are no longer on this earth!"

Luke 2:2-3

Mic. 5:2

The Lord put it in the heart of the King to require a census. Prov. 21:1

2. Verses 4-5 – God's Providence:

Luke 2:4

Luke 1:38

Everybody has to have a "Bethlehem" (New Birth)!

Bethlehem - Means "House of Bread"

John 6:35

Luke 2:5

3. Verses 6-7 – God's Presentation:

Luke 2:6

Luke 2:14 on earth, peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Luke 2:7

she gave birth to her first-born son; This is called "The Virgin Birth"

Luke 1:31-35

Matt. 1:18

Matt. 1:21

Jesus Christ, Jesus - Is the Greek form of the Hebrew name for "Joshua"- "Jehovah Savior," or "Jehovah saves."

The term Christ - "Anointed one," "Messiah." So His name is "Jehovah Savior, The Messiah, The Son of God."

Is. 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;

John 1:14

1. This is called the "First Advent of the Son of God," (or His first coming.)
2. The Incarnation of the son of God. (God taking on flesh and blood body.)
3. Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit (Virgin Birth)

But the wonder of heaven is little shared by the world of Jesus' day!

It is true that the Shepherds; Luke 2:11-14

It is true that some Wise Men; Matt 2

laid Him in a manger, that is a feeding trough. Some were made of stones, others were made of wood; Mostly stone.

The manger spoke of Jesus' Character and Mission.

1. Jesus' Lowly Birth -
2. Jesus' Lowly Death -
3. Jesus would not wear Sparkling Raiment -
4. Jesus Did not wear a Gold Crown -
5. Jesus The King did not ride a horse on His Triumphal Entry -

because there was no room for them in the inn.

I believe symbolically this would be the reception that Jesus would receive from mankind.

Application:

Many miss Jesus at Christmas because they are not Expecting Him.

Many miss Jesus at Christmas because they do not Recognize Him.

Many miss Jesus at Christmas because they Do not want Him.

John 10:9