

**"The Most Important Birth"**  
**Luke 2:1-7**  
**Christmas Eve, 6:00 PM 2015**

**The Most Loved Christmas Passage Is In Luke's Gospel. Luke 1:1-4**

**We will look at 3 areas this evening:**

**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 is covered in Luke 1.

"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 "Tax."

Luke 2:3

Nazareth to Bethlehem, which is 80 miles.

Micah said that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. It was foretold 700 years before His birth.

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"

Luke 1:38

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.

Luke 2:5

### **3. Verses 6-7 – Presentation Of God:**

Luke 2:6

“And it came about that while they were there,” – It had been spoken by Micah 700 years prior to this.

“days were completed for her to give birth.” – God’s time table, the right place.

Luke 2:14

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

Christ – “Anointed one,” “Messiah”; So His name is “Jehovah Savior, The Messiah, The Son of God.”

Luke 1:31-35

Isaiah 9:6

John 1:14

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 is little shared by the world of Jesus’ day! It is true of the Shepherds, Luke 2: 11.

Luke 2: 13-14

Matthew 2 – some Wise Men from afar will follow the star and come and offer gifts to the King.

“she wrapped Him in cloths,” – This was strips and pieces of cloth, or rags.

“and laid Him in a manger,” – a feeding trough. Some were made of stones, others were made of wood; Mostly stone.

“because there was no room for them in the inn.” – There never seems to be room for Jesus.

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

### **Application:**

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

Luke 2:10-11

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

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