

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20

What type of person do these words signify?

We know these are, in fact, names for Jesus. Our glorious Savior was born in the most humble of conditions.

Why was it so important for God's Son to become a lowly human rather than someone with a higher social standing?

Wonderful
Counselor
Mighty God
Everlasting
Father

Prayer

Dear Lord, As we study today about the great sacrifices You made for us by coming to earth as a Baby, open our hearts that they may be filled with awe at the extreme love You have for us. Amen.

The Story - Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. {2} This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

{3} So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. {4} Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, {5} to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

{6} So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. {7} And she brought forth her

firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

{8} Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. {9} And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

{10} Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. {11} "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is



Christ the Lord. {12} "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

{13} And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: {14} "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

{15} So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

{16} And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. {17} Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. {18} And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

{19} But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. {20} Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Review - How did God use each of the following people in the working of His plan for our salvation in today's story?

1. Cyrenius
2. Joseph
3. Mary
4. Jesus
5. angels
6. shepherds

Outer Aim

Jesus our Savior is born.

Matching Opposites - The story of Jesus' birth is one that goes beyond our comprehension. God and man are so different that to understand how Jesus is God and man is difficult, even impossible for us. Draw a line matching the opposites listed below.

Jesus lived in heaven.●

Jesus sat at God's right hand. ●

Shepherds watched the flock of sacrificial lambs.●

Jesus has all power in heaven and earth.●

Jesus is our King.●

● Shepherds went to see our Sacrificial Lamb.

● Jesus came to earth.

● He came as a servant.

● He lay in a feeding trough.

● He came as a helpless baby.

Passages - What other contrasts do we see in these references?

Micah 5:2

Galatians 4:4-5

Hymn #76

Inner Aim

Jesus, the Promised Savior, is born!

Closing Prayer

Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Oh, to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart!

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Thank you, Jesus, for taking my place.
Amen.