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**1** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register.

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**“God used the decree of a  
pagan emperor to fulfill  
prophecy.”**

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**Micah 5:2**

**2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”**

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**Luke 2:4-7**

**4** So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

**6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

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**“This is the only indication that Christ was born in a stable. Very early church tradition suggests that it was a cave, perhaps used as a stable.”**

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**Luke 2:8-12**

**8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.



**10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

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**“Does not necessarily mean it was summer, the dry season.**

**The flocks reserved for temple sacrifice were kept in the fields near Bethlehem year round.”**

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**Luke 2:13-14**

**13** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, **14** “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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**“This brief hymn [v.14] is called the Gloria in Excelsis Deo... The angels recognized the glory and majesty of God by giving praise to Him.”**

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**“Peace is not assured to all, but only to those pleasing to God-the objects of His good pleasure. The Roman world was experiencing the Pax Romana, marked by external tranquility. But the angels proclaimed a deeper, more lasting peace than that-a peace of mind and soul made possible by the Savior. Peace with God is received by faith in Christ, and it is on believers that “his favor rests.”**

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**Romans 5:1-2**

**1** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

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**Luke 2:15**

**15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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**“The shepherds decide to  
take a look at what God is  
doing.”**

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**Luke 2:16-20**

**16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

**18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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**Luke 2:21**

**21** On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

# Life Applications

- **God works supernaturally in His creation**
- **The birth story reveals God's heart and character**

# Final Thoughts

**“The note of humility surrounding this birth of Jesus issues a major challenge to our culture, where bragging and self-promoting public relations are often a way of life.”**

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**“Born to peasant parents, laid in a feeding trough, visited by lowly shepherds. The commonness of Jesus’ birth reminds us how Jesus, though Lord of the universe, stooped down to our humble level to bring us salvation... Jesus now calls us to represent Him to live out His incarnation-for a lost world.”**

**Mark Strauss**

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## John 1:14

**14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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## Philippians 2:5-11

**5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; **7** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.



**8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! **9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.