

# The Birth Of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20

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Unit 6 Lesson 3

## Supplemental Texts

Matt 1:18-25

## Focus Verse

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.” – Matthew 1:21

## Introduction

The angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph and Mary about the birth of Jesus. Luke 1:26-38 details the physical appearance of angel Gabriel unto Mary, telling her she would conceive and bear a Son and must call Him Jesus. She was greeted in a special way: *Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women (v. 28)*. In Matt 1:18-25, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream saying Mary would bear a Son and must name Him Jesus (v. 21).

## Deeper Look

### The Birth Of Jesus Christ – Luke 2:1-7

About the time of Jesus' birth, Caesar Augustus, a nephew of Julius Caesar, made a law that the Jewish nation or all the Roman empire, should be taxed (to enroll or register for taxation). It was customary for the Jews to enroll by tribes and families; therefore, Joseph and his espoused wife, Mary, being of the family of David travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be enrolled for taxation. Mary, at this time, was near her due time, but was obliged to travel to Bethlehem due to the law. Within these happenings, was divine providence that she might give birth there so that the prophecy in Mic 5:2 might be fulfilled. And while they were there, Mary gave birth to Jesus, her firstborn son, and laid Him in a manger because there was no room in the inn.

### I Bring You Good Tidings Of Great Joy – Luke 2:8-20

In Bethlehem were certain shepherds on the field guarding their flocks (from wild animals and robbers) in a night watch. To these, God sent His angel to proclaim the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. The angel brought the good news not only to the shepherds or the Jews, but to us all. The long-awaited Savior and Anointed Lord has been born (Isa 9:6; Mic 5:2; John 1:14) to save us from our sins (Matt 1:21). With God's glory on display at the news of our Savior's birth, the angel gave a sign that attested to a lowly condition in which the shepherds would find Jesus. Of a truth, He became poor for our sakes (2 Cor 8:9). Suddenly, more angels came and joined the angel in praising God. Without delay, the shepherds went to see what the angel had told them.

## Questions

1. The order by Caesar Augustus caused Joseph and Mary to travel to Bethlehem to be taxed. What was significant about the timing of the order? Read Mic 5:2.
2. If you had to change some things about the birth of Jesus Christ to match His deity, starting from the status of His parents to the angelic proclamation, what would you change?
3. The world when Jesus was born did not offer him a room. Is the world we live in today willing to offer Jesus a room in their heart? Why, or why not? Who is residing in your heart today? How do you know?
4. Why did God choose to proclaim the good tidings to the shepherds in view of their cultural importance? What is special about the good tidings the angel brought to the shepherds?
5. Would the shepherds understand why baby Jesus had a glorious announcement of His birth, yet He was laid in a manger? Explain.
6. Mention everything that you find commendable about the shepherds. See Luke 2:15-17. In what way have you acted like the shepherds?
7. Describe how Mary would feel considering everything the shepherds said.

# Personal Meditation

The Christmas story is one created in heaven and told on earth; it was packed in heaven and unpacked on earth. It is a story that unravels the mysteries of God and showcases the awesome LOVE of God (John 3:16). It is a story that narrates how God entered our world and became man (John 1:14), leaving behind all His glory (John 17:5).

No room was found for Jesus except in a manger. No one considered the situation of Mary and offered her a better place. Had they known Whom was to be born, they would have offered even more than a room in the inn. However, God's plan was to fulfill all the prophecies relating to the birth of His Son Jesus. Is there a room for Christ Jesus in your heart? He wants to abide with you, but will you let Him (John 14:23). Behold, He is knocking, will you open (Rev 3:20)?

The shepherds are an excellent example to us: they left what was important to them to seek the wonder that God had wrought. When they saw Jesus, they reported the angelic tidings and, upon their return, glorified and praised God. What would you do if you were the shepherds?

## DAILY STUDY

Monday	Matt 1:18-21
Tuesday	Matt 1:22-25
Wednesday	Luke 2:1-5
Thursday	Luke 2:6-9
Friday	Luke 2:10-14
Saturday	Luke 2:15-20



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