

The Day God Became a Baby!

Luke 2:1-20

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about

them often. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

- I. Mary _____ over the miracles
Luke 2:19
 1. The _____ in Bethlehem
 - a. This was an _____
 - b. This story was _____, Luke would use literal historical context, and _____ context to factualize the _____
 - c. There was a real _____, a real _____, and a real _____
 2. The _____ of God
 - a. Jesus' first entry to the world was a _____ one on a _____ night
 - b. His _____ will be _____, with the shout of the _____ and _____ will sound
 3. The _____ of Shepherds
- II. The _____ God _____
 1. You don't have to _____

A CHILD IS BORN TO US!

- a. Encountering _____ at _____,
tends to _____ people
2. I have _____ like you so that you can

- a. Today, a _____ has been born to
_____, not just to _____
- b. He had to become like us, _____ we can
better _____ to Him
3. I _____ you to come _____ my

- a. The angels _____ the shepherds to
_____ and _____ their
message
- b. They heard God's _____, and by
_____, traveled to see for
themselves
4. Once you _____ me, you can't keep it a

- a. The shepherds were so _____, they
spread the _____ concerning the
Child
- b. They were _____, the first
_____!!



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