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Humble Creator
Luke 2:1-14
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

While they were there, the days came to the full for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her son, the firstborn, and she bound him with cloth bands and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the lodging room. - Luke 2:6,7



The celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is one of the largest celebrations in the world. Millions of Christians all over the world celebrate Christmas this week and celebrate the joy and peace that is offered through Jesus. While the celebration this week is extensive the actual birth of Jesus was humble. The Creator of the universe, the giver and sustainer of life, was born in a stable and laid in a manger. God's actions at the birth of Jesus show the greatest humility of all time. It is a reflection of His love for us and willingness to meet us where we are. Join us this week as we celebrate the birth of the Savior and remember the humility of our God.

Jesus' Birth in Bethlehem

2 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ²This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁴Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. ⁶While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸In the same region there

were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?

9. Where was Jesus laid after He was born? Why do you think this was included in the text?

10. When the angel appears to the shepherds who are they bringing good news to?

11. Who is the Savior? List what this passage says about Him.

12. Who receives the joy and peace that Jesus offers? Compare and contrast vs. 10 and 14.

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What level of humility is required for the Creator of the universe to be born as a baby and laid in a manger? How does this example impact the way we should try to live.

14. The shepherd's believed that the baby Jesus was the Savior. Why do you think they believed? Are there parts of this passage that help us believe?

15. What is the most impactful part of the Christmas story for you?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes