

“The Gift has been Given!”
Christmas Series
Luke 2:1-7
Lesson #2
12/21/25

Galatians 4:4 *“But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,^[5] to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons”*

I. God relocated Joseph and Mary.

A. God used Caesar Augustus to relocate Joseph and Mary.

****Luke 2:1** *“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.”*

B. God used a census to relocate Joseph and Mary.

****Luke 2:1b** *“... that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.”*

****Luke 2:2** *“(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)”*

C. God used the compliance of Joseph and Mary to relocate them.

****Luke 2:3** *“And everyone went to their own town to register.”*

****Luke 2:4** *“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.”*

II. God remembered His promise and delivered.

A. Jesus was born.

****Luke 2:5** *“He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.”*

Micah 5:2 “But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

John 6:35 “Then Jesus declared, “I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and He who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

John 6:51 “I am the living bread that came down from Heaven.”

****Luke 2:6** “While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born.”

Galatians 4:4 “But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ^[5] to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”

****Luke 2:7** “And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.”

Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

B. Jesus was bundled in cloths.

****Luke 2:7b** “... She wrapped him in cloths”

Luke 2:12 “This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

C. Mary placed the baby in a manger.

****Luke 2:7c** “... and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

2 Corinthians 8:9 “Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty He could make you rich.”

Matthew 20:28 “Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

What can we learn from Joseph and Mary?

A. God blesses obedience.

****Luke 1:38** “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.”

****Matthew 1:24** “When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.” ^[25] But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And He gave him the name Jesus.”

****Luke 2:5** “He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.”

B. God brings hope to a hopeless world.

I John 4:14 “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.”

Hebrews 9:26b “...But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the age to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”

I John 3:8b “... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

C. God removes the burden of sin and saves those who repent and trust in Him.

Luke 5:32 “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

John 5:24 “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”

Romans 10:13 “For, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”