

# The Birth

**Luke 2: 4 – 20**



## Key Concept

**The good news is meant to be shared.**

**Malachi prophesies the coming  
Messiah and the day of the Lord  
(Malachi 3-4)**

**Today's Lesson  
Jesus is born in  
Bethlehem  
(Luke 2:1-20)**

**The angel foretells the  
birth of John the Baptist  
to prepare the way for the  
Messiah (Luke 1:5-25)**

**The angel foretells the birth  
of Jesus, Son of God  
(Luke 1:26-56)**

**The intertestamental period  
(400 years of God's silence)**

**Mary and Joseph take  
baby Jesus to the temple  
in Jerusalem  
(Luke 2:21-39)**



# ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS

1ST CENTURY AD



**GALILEE**

**SAMARIA**

**JUDEA**

**DECAPOLIS**

**PEREA**

**NABATEA**

**IDUMEA**

**EGYPT**

**Archaeologist researchers believe they may have identified Jesus' childhood home located under the Sisters of Nazareth Convent between 1880s and 1930s. The reports were never publish until recently in 2020**



•How long / Why was Mary required to wait before she could enter the temple with Jesus to offer sacrifice? **40 days**

**Leviticus 12:2-4 (7 days of uncleanness followed by 33 days of purification)**

•What is the walking distance between Nazareth and Bethlehem?  
**~ approximately 95 miles**

•What action did Zechariah and Mary have in common after the birth of their sons? **Both sang poems of celebration**

**•What are the three main things the angel told the shepherds regarding the announcement of Jesus' birth?**

- 1) Good news of great joy for all people**
- 2) This was the Savior, Christ and Lord**
- 3) Location and how to identify Jesus in the manger**

**•Why do you think Mary kept all the things in her heart re: “shepherds telling everyone about the angel’s message?**

**Likely overwhelmed w/events, confirmed Gabriel’s message, birth to the Son of God.**

# •List the humble circumstances of Jesus' birth?

- 1) Born of a poor woman
- 2) Poorman's sacrifice of 2x pigeons/doves
- 3) Born in a manger not a palace
- 4) Parents were of lowly status
- 5) News shared with lowly shepherds
- 6) Nazareth was a impoverished hamlet
- 7) Shepherds were consider as social outcast, despised (because of contact with animal carcasses, blood, dishonest reputation, nomadic, considered irreligious)