

## 12-24-2025 – Finding Jesus This Christmas

### **C-mas Series: Finding.      Hope. Joy.    Week 3 – Love.**

We spend a lot of time at C-mas . . . cooking, decorating, wrapping.

We look forward to gifts . . . leave us empty in time.

In the chaos of the world, the drama of family, & the busyness of the season, there is **one gift** this C-mas that lasts forever – it is peace, joy, & love all wrapped up in one package . . . all wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

### **Luke 2 – New English Trans**

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus to register all the empire for taxes. . . <sup>3</sup> Everyone went to his own town to be registered.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him, and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

God has a place for you.      God has a time for you.

There may be difficulties in your journey – 90 mi – but God has a purpose.

- Not just another baby. Jesus. Shepherds would know.
- Manger – feeding trough. Jesus is the bread of life.
  - o In Jesus, we find our purpose & calling.
  - o Find Jesus this Christmas. Focus on Him.