

“The Birth of Christ”

Luke 2:1-20

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I. Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1-7)

- A. The times when Christ was born
 - 1. Roman peace
 - 2. Roman road
 - 3. The fullness of time
 - 4. Time is in God’s hands
 - 5. God is in control
- B. The place where Christ was born
 - 1. Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
 - 2. God turns the hearts of kings, however He wills
- C. The manner in which Christ was born
 - 1. Laid in a manger
 - 2. His humility

II. The Angels and Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)

- A. “Who they were to whom the tidings first came that Christ was born”
 - 1. “Shepherds,” not “priests, rulers, scribes or Pharisees”
 - 2. (James 2:5)
 - 3. (1 Corinthians 1)
 - 4. The last are first, the first are last
- B. The language used by the angel in announcing Christ’s birth to the shepherds
- C. Who were they who first praised God when Christ was born
- D. The hymn of praise which the heavenly host sing in the hearing of the shepherds
 - 1. Glory to God
 - a) Through Christ would come to the highest degree, glory to God
 - b) Jesus by His birth, life, death, and resurrection
 - c) Creation glorified God, but not so much as redemption
 - 2. Peace on earth
 - a) Now has come to earth, the peace of God
 - b) Peace through the blood of the cross
 - c) Peace with God
 - 3. Goodwill towards men
 - 4. The prompt obedience to the heavenly vision
 - a) The rewards of faith
 - b) They responded promptly
 - c) The first to see the Savior with Mary and Joseph
 - d) Glorifying and praising God
 - 1) The journey that begins in faith will end in praise