

# Luke 2.1-21 – Christ *the* Lord



Questions from Dec 21, 2025

## (1) Real History

- ❖ Caesar Augustus issued a census of the Roman world.
- ❖ Quirinius ruled Syria and everyone went home to register.

## (2) Controlled by God's Sovereignty

- ❖ Caesar made a decision of his own free will.
- ❖ Yet, it happened according to God's plan.
  - Politics sets the stage, but is not the main event.

## (3) To Save the Humble

- ❖ God reveals himself to the humble and lowly.
  - And uses them to spread the message.
- ❖ To exalt God's grace and power, and test the "wise."

## (4) By Sending Jesus

- ❖ Jesus came as Savior, to save us from evil and sin.
- ❖ Jesus came as Messiah to be our perfect King.
- ❖ Jesus came as the Lord. The Lord is God. Jesus is God.

## (5) For Our Joy

- ❖ Jesus is good news that leads to great joy.
  - For everyone who receives God's grace.
- ❖ As we ponder and treasure what God has done.

## Ice Breakers

- (1) Share how you are doing and pray for each other.
- (2) What are your plans for Christmas? Do you have any Christmas traditions?

## Digging Deeper

- (3) Read Luke 2:1-7 and Point 1. Why does history matter to Christianity?
- (4) Read Point 2 and Micah 5:2. Explain how this passage illustrates the interplay between human free will and God's plan.
- (5) Read Luke 2:8-9, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 and Point 3. Explain how God revealing himself to lowly, humble people exalts his grace and power, while testing and humbling those who claim to be wise.
- (6) Read Luke 2:9-11 and point 4. Explain the three components of Jesus' identity and why they are important.

## Living Out

- (7) Read Luke 2:10-20 and point 5.
  - Why is it important to emphasize the gospel as joyful, good news when doing evangelism? What alternative do some Christians fall into when sharing their faith?
  - Explain how treasuring and pondering God's work like Mary can help us to maintain joy.