

# The King has Come

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

## MESSAGE NOTES

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## GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth

## Luke 2:1-2, 8-19

**December 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## Savior, Christ, and Lord.

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## Introduction

## Luke 2:1-2

2 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. <sup>2</sup>This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

The most popular person on earth at this point –  
Caesar Augustus (Octavian)  
Self-proclaimed son of god, savior, and redeemer  
of Rome.

## Luke 2:8-19 NASB

<sup>8</sup> In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

## Heaven's richest theology entrusted to everyday shepherds.

**Jesus is the Savior, the Christ (messiah), and the Lord.**

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<sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”

“While the emperor may give peace from war on land and sea, he is unable to give peace from passion, grief, and envy; he cannot give peace of heart, for which man yearns for more than even outward peace.” – Epictetus, a first-century Greek philosopher.

**Peace: eirēnē (Greek), shalom (Hebrew) – complete, whole, restored.**

**Shalom (peace) is life the way God intended it to be.**

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the Shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the arrival of King Jesus, who has saved us from our sins and restored peace on earth.

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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Who is the most popular person in the world right now?

Read Aloud: Luke 2:1-2, 8-19

1. v.10-11 <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Why did God choose to reveal Jesus' birth to the shepherds? The shepherds had quite the encounter on what I would call up to this point a regular day. Do you look for encounters with Jesus on your regular days? Have you experienced God meeting you in mundane moments?

2. v.14 <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." How was peace broken in the Garden of Eden? How did Jesus come to restore that peace? Why does peace on earth please God?

3. v.19-20 "But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them. How do you plan to glorify and praise God during this Christmas season? How can you share the meaning of Christmas in a new way this year?