

# The Hope of Heaven

## MESSAGE NOTES

## Why Was Jesus Born at Christmas?

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### The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup> At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. <sup>4</sup> And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. <sup>5</sup> He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. <sup>7</sup> She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. <sup>8</sup> That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, <sup>10</sup> but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. <sup>11</sup> The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

### WHY WAS JESUS BORN AT CHRISTMAS?

- JESUS WAS BORN AT CHRISTMAS TO \_\_\_\_\_.

*"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love – not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." – 1 John 4:9-10*

*"No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us." – John 1:18*

- JESUS WAS BORN AT CHRISTMAS TO \_\_\_\_\_.

*So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son." – John 1:14*

*"So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most." – Hebrews 4:14-16*

• JESUS WAS BORN AT CHRISTMAS TO \_\_\_\_\_.

*“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.”*

– Romans 3:23-24

**Memory Verse:**

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– Luke 2:10-11

• JESUS WAS BORN AT CHRISTMAS TO \_\_\_\_\_.

(Jesus) *“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going.”* – John 14:1-4

*“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”* – Romans 10:9

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- ☐ Memorize Luke 2:10-11.
- ☐ Trust Jesus as my Savior and Lord for the first time.
- ☐ Attend the *Love & Light* teaching series beginning in January at FBC Garden City.
- ☐ Invite a friend and attend this Sunday, December 28, at 11:00am, for a powerful message on how and why *“God Speaks to Us.”*



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