

The Narrative : Luke Series

Sermon Title: It's Time

Scripture reading: Luke 2:1-21

Tim Wolfe - 10.30.22

An Ongoing Prayer:

*God would **awaken a more excellent understanding & experience of Jesus, His words, ways, & work through the gospel of Luke***

*God intends the scriptures to be **instigators of curiosity & faith***

Luke 2:1-21 (CSB)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. 2 This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, 5 to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly there

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was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 14 Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors! 15 When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. 17 After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told. 21 When the eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus—the name given by the angel before he was conceived.

Vs. 1-7

i. The time came for her to give birth.

Galatians 4

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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Matthew 5

14 “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.**15** No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Vs. 8-14

ii. Don't be afraid there is good news today.

14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men”. - KJV

Epictetus, a first century pagan writer, expressed this: “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.”

Matthew 6

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Vs. 15-19

iii. Let's Go.

Matthew 5

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Worship Chorus:

Make my heart your throne, Make my heart your throne
I've been ruling kingdoms that are not my own
I bow at your feet. I am yours and yours alone
Make my heart your throne

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our heart in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Matthew 6

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Vs. 20-21

iv. The shepherds had a public service announcement for the world, God is with us and his name is Jesus.

Philippians 2

5 Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, **6** who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. **7** Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, **8** he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross. **9** For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—**11** and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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