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The Birth of the Messiah

Luke 2:1-20

- 1) In the midst of oppressive, immoral rulers, Christ was born
 - a) Light was birthed into darkness (2:6-7; cf. Gen 1:1-2; John 1:1-5)
 - b) Prophecy fulfilled (Isa. 7:14; Micah 5:2)
 - c) Good news announced by a holy messenger (9)
 - d) A Savior born who washes away sin (11; cf. Matt 1:21)
 - i) Attested by the heavenly host (13-14)
 - ii) Heard first by the lowly... (8-12)
 - iii) Prepared by God to believe (cf. Acts 16:14)
 - iv) Eyes were opened to see the truth (cf. Luke 24:31)
 - e) God's glory revealed; salvation granted (14)
 - f) People "drawn" to the Son of God (cf. John 6:44)
 - i) After seeing the Christ, they proclaimed the gospel (17)
 - ii) Some wondered, others pondered (18-19)
- 2) Lessons to Learn:
 - a) God is sovereign over history and its people
 - b) The King was born, lived, and died in humility; will return in glory
 - c) Gospel first given to the humble and hated
 - d) Not just a baby but the Savior who saves from sin
 - e) God draws His own to Christ (John 6:44, 65)
 - i) Those whom God has prepared to believe, believe
 - ii) God verifies His word to all who believe

