

THE BIRTH OF JESUS
LUKE 2:1-7
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Introduction:

How do we find new insights and applications in sections of the Bible we already know so well?

Ask: What key biblical truths are illustrated here?

2:1-2) What key biblical truth is illustrated here?

The Bible is not a fairy tale. It is true history.

-Caesar Augustus

-[1:1-4]

-[3:1-2]

-“all the world”

We don't interpret the Bible literally but as normal language.

2:3-5) What key biblical truths are illustrated here?

A. God always accomplishes his good plan.

[Micah 5:2]

B. God's good plan can be very hard for us, but he will give grace.

C. We are commanded to be in submission to our government.

[Romans 13:1-2]

2:6-7) What key biblical truth is illustrated here?

Jesus models humility for us.

Incredible contrast: The pride of Ceasar Augustus vs. the humility of Jesus

[Luke 1:31-33]

This is absolutely not the expected setting for the birth of the King!

We cannot experience new life in Christ without humility.

Conclusion:

Choose one of these great biblical truths and apply it in your life:

- 1. The Bible is not a fairy tale. It is true history.**
- 2. God's always accomplishes his good plan.**
- 3. God's good plan can be very hard for us, but he will give grace.**
- 4. We are commanded to be in submission to our government.**
- 5. Jesus models humility for us.**

Questions for personal reflection and group discussion:

1. Think about the five great biblical truths that we saw in Luke 2:1–7, and ask yourself, “Where else in the Bible do we see examples of these truths or statements of these truths?”
2. What are some examples in your own life where God’s good plan was very hard for you, but he gave you grace?
3. We are commanded not only to be in submission to our government but to pray for those in authority [1 Timothy 2:1-4]. Do you have an attitude of submission to our government? Are you praying for those in authority? Do it now!
4. A modern equivalent for what the Bible calls pride is self-centeredness. Someone once said, “Our problem is not that we think too much of ourselves but that we think of ourselves too much.” What steps will you take to grow in humility this week?