The Least Likely

Luke 2:15-20

Luke 2:1: And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from <u>Caesar Augustus</u> that <u>all the world</u> should be <u>registered</u>.

Micah 5:2: But you, <u>Bethlehem</u> though you are <u>little</u> among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the <u>One</u> to be <u>Ruler in Israel</u>, whose goings forth are from of old, <u>from everlasting</u>.

Luke 2:3: So all went to be <u>registered</u>, everyone to his <u>own city</u>.

Luke 2:4-5: Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of **Nazareth**, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called **Bethlehem**, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was **with child**.

Luke 2:6: So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

Luke 2:7: And **she** brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in **swaddling cloths**, and laid Him in a **manger**, because there was **no room for them in the inn**.

- **Luke 2:8:** Now there were in the same country **shepherds** living out in the **fields**, keeping **watch over their flock** by night.
- **Luke 2:9:** And behold, <u>an angel</u> of the Lord stood before them, and the <u>glory of the Lord</u> shone around them, and they were <u>greatly afraid</u>.
- **Luke 2:10:** Then the angel said to them, "**Do not be afraid**, for behold, I bring you **good tidings** of **great joy** which will be to **all people**."
- **Luke 2:11:** "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a <u>Savior</u>, who is Christ the Lord." (**Messiah God**)
- **Luke 2:12:** "And this will be the <u>sign</u> to you: you will find a <u>Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths</u>, lying in a <u>manger</u>."
- **Luke 2:13:** And suddenly there was <u>with the angel</u> a <u>multitude</u> of the <u>heavenly host</u> (armies) <u>praising God</u> and saying:
- **Luke 2:14:** "Glory to God in the <u>highest</u>, and on earth <u>peace</u>, <u>goodwill</u> toward men!"

Luke 2:15: So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

Luke 2:16: And they came with **haste** and **found** Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Luke 2:17: Now when they had seen Him, **they** made **widely known** the **saying** which was told them concerning this Child.

Luke 2:18: And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Luke 2:19: But Mary <u>kept</u> (treasured) <u>all these things</u> and <u>pondered them</u> in her <u>heart</u>.

Luke 1:28: Rejoice, <u>highly favored one</u>, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!

Luke 2:20: Then the shepherds returned, **glorifying** and **praising God** for all the things that they had **heard** and **seen**, as it was told them.

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