

A Very Classic Christmas

Jesus is Born

Luke 2:1-7

Classic (*klasik*):

- 1) *Judged over a period of time to be of the highest quality and outstanding of its kind*
- 2) *Remarkably and instructively typical*

This our *Remarkably & Instructively Typical Christmas Series* because the birth of Jesus has been judged over a period of time to be of the highest quality and outstanding of its time. In other words...It's CLASSIC!!!

Main Idea: Jesus was Born in Bethlehem Fulfilling God's Perfect Plan

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to 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, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." **Luke 2:1-7**

I. God is In Control

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Caesar Augustus: Julius Caesar's adopted son who became the sole ruler of the Roman Empire. He turned the Roman republic into the Roman Empire, deifying his deceased Father and placed himself as the supreme ruler.

Census: A count of all people in the Roman Empire to tax them. Every man (along with his family) had to return to his ancestral hometown to be registered.

"While Augustus Caesar was ruling, God was in charge, for He used Caesar's edict to move Mary and Joseph eighty miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem to fulfill His Word." **Warren Wiersbe**

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient of days." **Micah 5:2 (700 BC)**

"Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand." **Proverbs 19:21**

II. God Uses Ordinary People

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lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child." **Luke 2:4-5**

Prophecies Concerning the Savior's Birth:

- **He Would Be Human, Not an Angel – Genesis 3:15**
- **He Would Be Jewish, Not a Gentile – Numbers 24:17**
- **He Would Be From the Tribe of Judah – Genesis 49:10**
- **He Would Be From the Family of David – 2 Samuel 7:1-17**
- **He Would Be Born of a Virgin – Isaiah 7:14**
- **He Would Be Born in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2**

"The birth of this little boy is the beginning of a confrontation between the kingdom of God – in all its apparent weakness, insignificance and vulnerability – and the kingdoms of this world." N.T. Wright

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."

1 Corinthians 1:27-29

III. God Came to Us

"And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." **Luke 2:6-7**

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us)." **Matthew 1:23**

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

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son..." **Luke 2:7a**

"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." **Luke 2:12**

Inv: This Christmas, if you focus on the manger scene or the hundreds of other signs of Christmas then you might miss the most important part: Jesus! Don't miss Jesus, Don't miss the point...It's all about Jesus!

Sources and Further Reading Opportunities:

- *CSB Study Bible* – Trevin Wax, General Editor (2021)
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- *Luke (Volume 3)* – Trent C. Butler (2000)