

Arrival

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 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, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 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 (ESV)

Christmas is not just about a Birth but a Glorious Arrival.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

—Luke 2:11 (ESV)

3 things that are unexpectedly glorious at his arrival:

1. Jesus Arrives in an Unexpected PLACE

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2. Jesus Arrives for Unexpected PEOPLE

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the

field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

—Luke 2:8-10 (ESV)

3. Jesus Arrives with an Unexpected INVITATION

12 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 (ESV)

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

—Ephesians 2:13 (ESV)