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THE BIRTH OF JESUS (Luke 2:1-20)

JEHOVAH'S SON IS BORN

The Delivery By Mary The Decree By Caesar **The Command:** ¹And it came to pass in those days that a ⁶So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This census first took place while her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, Quirinius was governing Syria. ³So all went to be and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Lk. 2:6, 7) registered, everyone to his own city. (Lk. 2:1-3) **The City:** *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. (Lk.2:4, 5)

JUDAH'S SHEPHERDS ARE BRIEFED

Watching

⁸Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. (Lk. 2:8)

Wondering

- **The reassurance by the angel:** ⁹And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰Then 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". (Lk. 2:9, 10)
- **The revelation by the angel:** ¹¹"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." ¹²"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger". (Lk. 2:11, 12)
- **The rejoicing by the angel:** ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Lk. 2:13, 14)

Worshipping

- **Their Decision:** ¹⁵So 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". (Lk. 2:15)
- Their Discovery: ¹⁶And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. (Lk. 2:16)

Witnessing

- The proclamation by the men: ¹⁷Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ²⁰Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. (Lk. 2:17, 18, 20)
- The contemplation by the mother: ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Lk. 2:19)