

LUKE – LESSON 3

I. THE BIRTH OF JESUS (2:1-20)

- A. The enrollment bringing Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem (v.1-5)
 - 1. Commanded by Augustus.
 - 2. Joseph and Mary must register in Bethlehem – the city of his family.
- B. Mary gives birth (v.6-7).
 - 1. Mary wraps babe – “swaddling clothes.”
 - 2. Mary lays babe in animal feeding trough – “manger.”
- C. The angelic announcement of birth to shepherds (v. 8-15a)
 - 1. Angel of the Lord announces to shepherds the birth of a “Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.”
 - a. Angel appears to shepherds in field watching over flock at night.
 - b. Angel appearing in glorious light tells shepherds not to be afraid.
 - c. Angel gives shepherds the sign: “Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.”
 - 2. Multitude of angels praise God and glory in the coming of peace.
 - 3. Angels go back into heaven.
- D. Shepherds verify the birth of a Savior in Bethlehem (v. 15b-20).
 - 1. They go in haste and find babe in manger with Mary and Joseph.
 - 2. They make known to all the angelic announcement.
 - a. All wonder.
 - b. Mary ponders.
 - 3. They return to their duties glorifying and praising God.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What two historic figures were in power when Jesus was born?
- 2. What was the purpose of “enrollment?”
- 3. Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem for the enrollment?
- 4. How far was Bethlehem from Nazareth?
- 5. Was the providence of God at work in Jesus being born in Bethlehem?
- 6. Jesus was Mary’s _____ child.

7. Describe the type of clothing Mary put on her babe?
8. Where was baby Jesus placed when He was born?
9. Where were the shepherds, and what were they doing when the angel appeared unto them?
10. Who did the angel of the Lord say was born in the city of David?
11. For what did the multitude of angels praise God regarding the birth of Jesus?
12. How did the shepherds verify “the sign” given them by the angel of the Lord?
13. What did Mary do when she heard the shepherds tell of the angelic announcements?
14. Does the New Testament teach that Jesus was born on December 25th.?
15. Where did the celebration of “Christmas” originate?