



About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

Luke 2:1-7

"Love All"

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Christmas is our chance to move closer to those in crisis, not further away. – Advent Conspiracy: Making Christmas Meaningful

Mary is _____ years old living in Nazareth.

Nazareth to Bethlehem is _____ miles or a _____ day walk.

Mary is a _____ girl, not a citizen of Rome.

Wrapping a child in bands of cloth was a _____ practice.

The manger was probably a _____ trough or animal stall.

This is _____ news of _____ joy for _____ people. Luke 2:10-11



*"If it's not for **all** people, then it's not **good** news." – Pastor Mark*

The Problem of Christmas:

Jesus is sent to the lowly and the _____.

_____ were thought of as dishonest people grazing their flocks on others' lands.

Who are the people you _____?

The prophet Isaiah warns against missing _____ in our midst 1:2-3.

_____ is the place where God came to us in mystery and wonder.

How do we get to _____ from here?

The Biblical Answer: The _____ of Christmas is that God came into human history completely helpless as a baby born on the road.

God identified with the _____, the oppressed, the _____, and the homeless. Luke 4:18-19

When you celebrate, invite the _____ and you will be _____ Luke 14:12-14.

Engage and show mercy to racial _____.

Luke 10:33-37, John 4:7-9



Don't get so comfortable in the hotel, you never make your way to the manger. – Pastor Mark

Action Steps: Ask God, "Who needs my _____ the most?"

_____ are to be _____ news of _____ joy to _____ people.

Bless someone in _____ this _____. Matthew 25:40