

# The Birth of Jesus Christ

Luke 2:1-20

Intro. A. The two most important men ever born were John Baptist and Jesus Christ.

1. John would make ready a people.
2. Jesus would come to the light of all men.

B. They each were unique in their conception.

1. John was born of older parents, those who were past their time to reproduce.
2. Jesus was born of a virgin and an overshadowing of the Holy Spirit.

## I. The Birth of Jesus Christ.

A. The time is well stated.

Vs. 1 1. It was a time of enrollment.

Vs. 2 2. Cyrenius was Governor.

Vs. 3, 4 3. Everyone was to go to the city of his tribal lineage. Since Joseph was of David's lineage he, with his wife, would go to Bethlehem.

B. The nativity.

Vs. 5 1. Mary accompanied Joseph and her time of delivery was near.

Vs. 6, 7 2. While at Bethlehem she gave birth.

3. They were in a place where animals were fed. This wasn't as bad as we think. It would have been unthinkable to us but not to them.

4. Mary had traveled prepared for delivery.

5. We do not know who attended her.

6. It was all a part of God's plan and His wisdom. He was born in poverty to make us rich. The Son of God in a feeding trough!

E. A strong affirmation. ②

1. Remember, Luke makes very strong statements about the dependability of his history. He most likely interviewed some of these shepherds.

Vs. 13 2. There is now a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God.

Vs. 14 3. Glory to God in high (places).

4. Peace on earth to men of good will.

Vs. 15a 5. The angels went back to heaven.

III. The Shepherds And The Saviour

A. They went to Bethlehem.

Vs. 15 1. They wanted to see Him.

2. They knew God had shown them this truth.

B. They found what they sought.

Vs. 16 1. They came with haste.

2. They found Him as God had said.

C. They witnessed to what they knew.

Vs. 17 1. "And when they had seen it".

2. "they made known abroad the saying..."

3. They witnessed to the child's identity.

4. They did not glory in the spectacular.

D. Their witnessing made a difference.

Vs. 18 1. Their hearers were made to wonder.

2. "wonder" = θαυμάζω = to marvel, to be astonished or amazed".

E. Mary was aware of their words.

Vs. 19 1. She kept them in her heart.

2. She "pondered" them. συμβάλλω = to throw together, to confer with one's self.