

Jesus' Birth: Its Unusual Events

Luke 02: 01-14

(Mt. 01:18-25; 02:01; see Jn. 01:14)

1 *The miraculous census*

- a. An event of the world used by God to fulfill His plan
- b. An event that forced Joseph to Bethlehem
 - 1) From Galilee
 - 2) Out of Nazareth
 - 3) Into Judea
 - 4) To the city of David, Bethlehem
- c. An event that led to the fulfillment of Scripture despite man's plans

- 1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.
- 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
- 3 And everyone went to his own town to register.
- 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.
- 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

2 *The shocking place of birth*

- 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,
- 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

3 *The unbelievable appearance of a real angel to shepherds*

- a. His appearance:
Shone in the glory of the Lord
- b. His message:
Reassured - good news
 - 1) A proclamation: The Messiah's birth
 - 2) A charge: Visit the child
 - 3) A sign: The location and dress

- 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.
- 9 An angel of the Lord *appeared* to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

- 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

- 11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

- 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

4 *The spectacular appearance of the heavenly host*

- 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
- 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."