

The Gospel of Luke - Lesson 3,

Luke 2:1-20

The Birth of Jesus

In [Luke chapter 2](#) we read the story of Jesus' birth. The birth of Jesus is one of the most well known stories from the Bible and forms the basis for Christian Christmas celebrations.

Famous Quote:

"Remember, Christ was not a deified man, neither was he a humanized God. He was perfectly God, and at the same time perfectly man." Charles Spurgeon

Is it possible for a being to be both God and man? What might that person be like?

Read [Luke 2:1-7](#)

1. Who made a decree and what was it?
2. Where did everyone have to go to register? Where did Joseph and Mary travel from? Where did they travel to?
3. Were Mary and Joseph staying in a hotel? Where did Mary put her baby when it was born?
4. Jesus was descended from King David. Where would you normally expect a royal child to be born?

Read [Luke 2:8-20](#)

5. Who were in the fields and what were they doing? What time was it?
6. What appeared to them and how did they react?
7. What was the good news that the angel brought?
8. What was the sign that was given to the men? Why would that sign be unusual?
9. Who joined the angel in verse 13, and what were they doing?
10. After the angels disappeared, what did the shepherds decide to do?
11. Did the shepherds find the "sign" the angel had talked about? Did they tell anyone? What did they do when they went back to their flocks?

Chat about these words from the passage:

decree/guarding/flocks/manger/snugly/lodging/host/glory

True or False:

- a) The angel's name was Gabriel.
- b) There were three shepherds.
- c) Jesus was born in Nazareth.
- d) Mary forgot everything that happened

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For Discussion:

How would you feel about giving birth to a baby in an animal stable?

Why was Jesus not born in a palace?

When was the last time you received good news? How did it make you feel?

Do you think this story is “good news?” Is it important for us? Why?

Notes:

More Research

Who was Caesar Augustus? [Read about him here](#).

Where is Bethlehem? Learn about [it's past](#) and [present](#).

Was Jesus a real person? Read about [Him here](#)