

## *The Son of God is Born*

### *Luke 2:1-20*

*“... the birth of Christ shows us his humility in our salvation. Understand that God is infinitely superior to us. He is not simply a bigger and better version of a human being, but something altogether different. He is God, and we are not. His attributes are infinitely superior to ours. He is the Creator; we are only his creatures. For God to take on our nature, therefore, was an act of infinite humility. Theologians say that for him to be born at all was a humiliation... The same Jesus who humbled himself for our salvation also wants us to humble ourselves for the sake of others. He calls us to be like him in putting others first and taking the lowest place for ourselves. We must never forget that although he is the Son of God, the Savior was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger, because there was no room for him at the inn.” Ryken*

- I. When we open Scripture, we open God's heart to mankind. He gives us a window in an intimate way into who He is, how He thinks, what is important to Him, what grieves Him and what gives Him joy. He reveals himself to help us to decide whether or not we want to know him or have anything to do with him. We see examples of that time and time again throughout the Old Testament from Adam and Eve to Enoch, Noah, Abraham, King David and the prophets. All to set the stage for His most precious expression of Himself, which is seen through the birth of his Son. Luke 2 verses 1-7 give us *“the story of a birth—the birth of the incarnate Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. Every birth of a living child is a marvelous event. It brings into being a soul that will never die. But never since the world began was a birth so marvelous as the birth of Christ. In itself it was miracle: God was manifest in the flesh. The blessings it brought into the world were unimaginable. It opened to men and women the door of everlasting life.” Ryle*

Luke 2:1-7

Jer. 23:5-6

2 Sam. 7:16

Micah 5:2

*“Jesus is the promised Messiah, which means He had to be of the lineage of David. Matthew 1 gives the genealogical proof that Jesus, in His humanity, was a direct descendant of Abraham and David through Joseph, Jesus' legal father. The genealogy in Luke 3 traces Jesus' lineage through His mother, Mary. Jesus is a descendant of David by adoption through Joseph and by blood through Mary. “As to his earthly life [Christ Jesus] was a descendant of David” (Romans 1:3). Primarily, the title “Son of David” is more than a statement of physical genealogy. It is a Messianic title. When people referred to Jesus as the Son of David, they meant that He was the long-awaited Deliverer, the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies.”*  
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- II. God presented his Son to the world to show mankind that being Lord and Savior had nothing to do with outward appearance, fame, power or fortune but everything to do with the attitude of his heart toward mankind. God incarnate emptied Himself of all His resplendent glory to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins so that we, through faith, could be given the glory of his righteousness. He offered himself as a grace gift of eternal value for anyone willing to receive it. It shows us the value He places on humility and love, which are two of God's wonderful attributes that should resonate in the hearts of those of us who have accepted His free offer of salvation.

Luke 2:1-7

Lk. 1:38

Phil. 2:5-11

Gal. 5:6b, 13b, 25-26

**Matthew 1:23** *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). Isa. 7:14*

- III. Why announce the birth of Christ to common people, especially shepherds who were seen as unclean and of the lowest profession? Why not to those responsible for the spiritual wellbeing of Israel, the religious elite? Surely, they were in a better position to announce that the Messiah had finally come to bless the Jews. Instead, He revealed the glory of worship in heaven over the birth of His Son to shepherds to show mankind that no one is excluded from the power of His saving grace. No doubt, the religious elite would have mucked it up anyway and made it into what it is not, an offer meant for the few deemed worthy of it. That's what makes how God presented Himself in both His birth and the announcement of it so radically awesome and praiseworthy. All that matters to Him is the peace and goodwill it brings to those who understand their need for a Savior no matter their lot in life. To Him alone be the glory for offering us the gift of His Son, so that we could be given the privilege of spending eternity with Him! *Gloria Excelsis Deo, Glory to God in the highest!*

Luke 2:8-20

Rom. 5:9-11

**euaggelizō** = to bring good news, to announce glad tidings. In the NT used especially of the glad tidings of the coming kingdom of God, and of the salvation to be obtained in it through Christ, and of what relates to this salvation. Vines

**sōtēr** = saviour, deliverer, preserver

**Christos** - Christ = "anointed"

**Kyrios** - he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord.