**From Heaven to Bethlehem**

Luke 2:1-20

**Luke 2:1 (ESV)**In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

**Luke 2:2 (ESV)**This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

**Luke 2:3 (ESV)**And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

**Luke 2:4 (ESV)**And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

**Luke 2:5 (ESV)**to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

**Luke 2:6 (ESV)**And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

**Luke 2:7 (ESV)**And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Luke 2:8 (ESV)**And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**Luke 2:9 (ESV)**And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

**Luke 2:10 (ESV)**And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**Luke 2:11 (ESV)**For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Luke 2:12 (ESV)**And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

**Luke 2:13 (ESV)**And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**Luke 2:14 (ESV)**“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

**Luke 2:15 (ESV)**When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

**Luke 2:16 (ESV)**And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger.

**Luke 2:17 (ESV)**And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child.

**Luke 2:18 (ESV)**And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

**Luke 2:19 (ESV)**But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

**Luke 2:20 (ESV)**And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

1. **Jesus brings light to darkness.**

**Luke 2:8 (ESV)**And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**Luke 2:9 (ESV)**And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

**1 John 1:5 (ESV)**This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

**1 John 1:6 (ESV)**If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

**1 John 1:7 (ESV)**But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1. **Jesus brings peace to fear.**

**Luke 2:9 (ESV)**And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

**Luke 1:13 (ESV)**But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

**Luke 1:30 (ESV)**And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

**Matthew 1:20 (ESV)**But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 2:10 (ESV)**And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**Luke 2:14 (ESV)**“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

1. **Jesus brings joy to sorrow.**

**Luke 2:10 (ESV)**And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**Isaiah 9:2 (ESV)**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

**Isaiah 9:3 (ESV)**You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

1. **Jesus brings salvation to the perishing.**

**Luke 2:11 (ESV)**For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)**The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

**John 3:16 (ESV)**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

1. **Jesus brings praise to the Father.**

**Luke 2:13 (ESV)**And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**Luke 2:20 (ESV)**And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Ephesians 1:12 (ESV)**So that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory.

**Romans 3:23 (ESV)**All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Mark 1:15 (ESV)**Repent and believe in the gospel.

**John 1:12 (ESV)**To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.