

The Gospel according to **LUKE**

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Luke 2:1-3

Pray as you begin your study this week.

Before we get into Luke 2, I want to get a broader view of the story by looking at Gabriel's interaction with Joseph in Matt. 1:18-25.

What in verse 18 confirms that Mary was a virgin?

How is Joseph described in verse 19? How did this characteristic affect his actions?

Research what was the "public example" of a woman caught to be with child during this time. Record your findings here.

What did the angel reveal to Joseph in a dream? vs. 20-21

As we saw in our previous lesson, this was to fulfill the prophecy spoken by the prophet Isaiah concerning the Messiah.

What was Joseph's response to this news? vs. 24-25

We have seen several appearances by Gabriel in our study so far in Luke. What do these events tell you about God and His character?

Read Luke 2:1-3. Again a timeline is given. Who are the two rulers mentioned? What was the decree?

According to verse 4-5, where did Joseph go out from, where did he go, and why?

What details does Luke record in verses 6-7?

Jesus was born in very humble circumstances. What in verses 6-7 confirm this?

One of the prophecies regarding the birth of Jesus is found in Micah 5:2. What does Micah say about Bethlehem?

The next section in Luke includes the interaction with angels with a group of shepherds. Read Luke 2:8-14 and answer the following questions.

What was different in this interaction than the interaction with Zacharias and Mary in chapter 1 and Joseph in Matt. 1?

What did the angel “bring”?

What was the sign that the shepherds were to look for?

Read verses 15-17.

How did the shepherds respond once the angels had gone?

How did the people who heard the news respond? vs. 18

Write out verse 19.

What did the shepherds do when they returned?

Look up the following verses and record what they say about God and why we should worship Him.

1 Chron. 16:34/Psalm 136:1

Psalm 30:11-12

Psalm 34:3

Psalm 107:8-9

Col. 3:16

Make a list of all the things you can praise God for.