

December 12, 2018
“Keeping Christ in Christmas”
Luke 2: 1-20
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1. Age *“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered.”* (1) *“This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.”* (2)

2. Ancestry *“And Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David,”* (4)

3. Arrangement *“to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant.”* (5)

4. Appointments *“While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. (7) Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough--because there was no room for them at the lodging place.”* (6-7)

5. Attesters *“In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock.”* (8 cf. 15-17)

6. Angels *“Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: ¹¹ Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. ¹² This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough.” ¹³ Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!”* (9-14)

7. Aftermath

- a. The Shepherds *“After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child.”* (17)
- b. The Crowd *“and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.”* (18)
- c. Mary *“But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them.”* (19)

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