

He Is Here!

Text: **Luke 2:1-20**

Introduction:

1. December 25 is the day the world celebrates the birth of Jesus even though we really don't know the actual date He was born.
 - a. Only God knows the day on which Jesus was born.
 - b. The Bible does not say; only that he was born in the days of Herod the Great (37-4 BC) and Caesar Augustus (27 BC-14 AD) (**Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1**), and that there were "shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night" (**Luke 2:8**).
 - c. Those who observe December 25 as His birthday should know this, yet many do not.
2. Over 2,000 years ago Jesus Christ came to down from heaven to redeem man back to God.
 - a. At the right time, in God's plan, Jesus came to earth.
 - b. The Old Testament is full of prophecies about Jesus Christ and His coming.
 - c. Man, by choice, chose to disobey God (**Genesis 2 & 3**) and was therefore banished from the Garden of Eden separating them from God.
 - d. But, God had a plan whereby Jesus was to come someday, at the right moment to bring mankind back to Him – by man's choice he may chose to come to God or still rebel against God
 - i. The first prophecy about Jesus Christ was spoken in **Genesis 3:15**.
 - ii. A prophecy to be fulfilled when Jesus died on the cross was buried and rose again in three days never to die again.
 - iii. We are brought to 'remembrance' of what our Lord Jesus Christ done when we partake of the Lord's Supper every Lord's day – (*once a week upon a Sunday*) (**Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**)
3. This morning we are going to look at some Scriptures and see who this man Jesus is!

For He Is Here

- I. "I bring you good tidings of great joy.." [**ABOUT HIM**] v10
 - a. A message to the shepherds in the field tending their flock.
 - b. A message from the angels of God
 - c. A fulfillment of prophecies about Jesus Christ
 - i. Born of a virgin (**Isaiah 7:14**)
 - ii. Born in Bethlehem (**Micah 5:2**)
 - d. Jesus came into the world at the right time (**Galatians 4:4**)
 - i. God became flesh – the One to be born to be called the Son of God (**Luke 1:35**)
 - ii. Upon that day the Word who is deity, became flesh (**John 1:1, 14**).

- iii. A body was prepared for him that would be sacrificed for the sins of the world (**Hebrews 10:5-10**)
- II. His birth brought troubling to some and joy to others [**ABOUT HIM**]
 - a. Unrighteous men were troubled
 - i. Men like King Herod, one who feared the prophesied ruler (**Matthew 2:1-6**)
 - 1. He was so worried that he had all the babies two years and under murdered in Bethlehem and the surrounding area (**Matthew 2:16**)
 - ii. Those who were in power did not want to answer to someone higher in authority – which brought about the murder of Jesus Christ on the cross.
 - b. On the other hand there were those who worshipped the baby Jesus Christ and those who glorified God
 - i. When the wise men came into the house (*not the manger*) the wise men fell down and worshipped Jesus Christ (**Matthew 2:11**)
 - ii. The shepherds returned to their fields, after seeing baby Jesus in the manger, glorifying God (**Luke 2:20**)
- III. He is our Redeemer [**ABOUT HIM**]
 - a. As prophesied in the Old Testament (**Isaiah 59:20**)
 - i. To redeem man back to God
 - ii. To deliver man from his sins (**Romans 11:26-27**)
 - b. The Grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men (**Titus 2:11-14**)
 - c. Named Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace (**Isaiah 9:6**)
 - i. It is the Mighty God who has control over nature. “*And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.*” (**Mark 4:39**) He is the Mighty God who can still the ‘winds and waves’ in our lives, knowing that He is with us as we seek Him with all of our heart and soul. “*But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.*” (**Deuteronomy 4:39**)
 - ii. The Eternal Father is one of the names that is given to our Lord Jesus Christ meaning that Christ has no beginning nor ending. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega (**Revelation 1:8**), the first and the last of **Revelation 1:11**.

Conclusion:

1. Although we do not know when Jesus was born, we do know that He came to this world as shown by all the evidence surrounding His birth, the prophecies about Him and the witnesses.
2. As when He came into the world, some men were troubled, and some glorified God and with great joy worshipped Jesus Christ.

- a. The same is as today many are troubled by Jesus Christ about what He stands for, but, there are many who with great joy worship Him and give praise to God for Him.
3. Without Him there would be no redemption (**John 14:6; Acts 4:12**) and we would be without hope (**1 Corinthians 15:14-19**)
4. But, Jesus Christ came into this world allowing redemption by His dying on the cross, being buried and raised by the power of God, never to die again.
 - a. We can have the same today, a promise from God, eternal life in our Lord Jesus Christ, never to die again.
 - b. With our obedience to God (**2 Thessalonians 1:7-10**) in obeying the gospel message (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 6:1-7**) we can have redemption through the One who brought it down from heaven.
 - c. Now is the day of salvation (**2 Corinthians 6:2**); *believing that Jesus is the Christ (John 8:24), repenting of your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38), confessing His Name before men (Acts 8:37), being immersed for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38) and remaining steadfast until the end (Acts 2:42).*