

Luke 2: 1-14

"Jesus is everything promised and more"

Survey Outline:

I. The Son of Man introduced

* Luke 1: 1 – 4: 13

II. The Son of Man in Galilee

* Luke 4: 14 – 9: 50

III. The Son of Man travels toward Jerusalem

* Luke 9: 51 – 19: 28

IV. The Son of Man is rejected, crucified, and resurrected

* Luke 19: 29 — 24: 53

Context:

- Luke wrote the Gospel (cf. 1:1-3)
- Written to a man named Theophilus (1:3)
- Written that he "may know the certainty of those things in which he was instructed" (cf. 1:3)
- John's birth announcement (cf. 1:5-25)
- Gabriel coming to tell Mary of her Messiah Son (cf. 1:26-38)

Context:

- Mary visits Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist (cf. 1:39-56)
- John the Baptist is born (cf. 1:57-80)
- Jesus is born! (there was a census and so Joseph being of the line of David had to go to Bethlehem in order to be registered) (cf. 2:1-7)
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem to fulfill prophecy (read Micah 5:2)

Outline: 3 truths about this baby Jesus

- 1. He is the Savior (vv. 8-12)
- 2. He is the Victor (vv. 13-20)
- 3. He is More! (vv. 8, 20)

- A. The recipients
- B. The messenger
- C. The message

- A. The recipients (v. 8)
 - "Shepherds living out in the fields"
 - "keeping watch over their flock by night"

B. The Messenger

- An angel of the LORD stood before them
- The glory of the LORD shone around them (cf. Lk. 1:18-19)

C. The Message

Verse 10:

- "do not be afraid"
- "good tiding" (good news)
- "for all people" (cf. Abraham 12:3)
- "a savior is born" (lit. a deliverer)

C. The Message

Verse 11:

- "a savior is born" (lit. a deliverer)
- "this day" (note the tone of urgency in this message)
- "in the city of David" (Bethlehem or Jerusalem?)
- "who is Christ the LORD"

C. The Message

Verse 12:

- A sign is given:
 - a baby
 - wrapped in swaddling cloths
 - lying in a manger

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Observations:

Verse 13:

- The witness of angels
 - "suddenly" (apparently, they were there but not visible)
 - "a multitude of heavenly host" (cf. Joshua 5:13-15)
 - "praising God and saying"

Observations:

Verse 14:

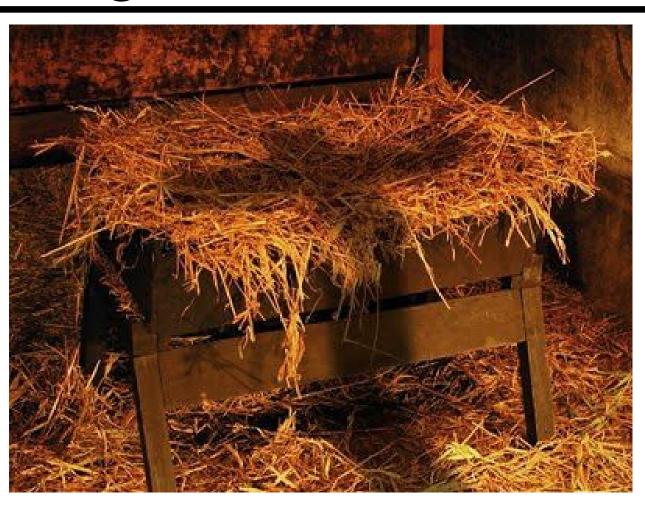
- 1- "glory to God in the highest"
- 2- "and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Observations:

Verse 15:

The shepherds heed the word of the LORD

Beholding the Word of God: v. 16



• **Summary of vv. 18-20:**

- The people marveled v. 18
- Mary worshipped v. 19
- The shepherds worshipped v.20

How would you respond in this situation? How do we respond to the rest of God's Word?

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- The focus of this story is baby Jesus being revealed
 - He is the Savior
 - He is the Victor
 - Old Testament prophecies fulfilled

3. He is more! vv. 8, 20

A. The audience in this text is every bit as important

- They are shepherds
- They are important shepherds

3. He is more! vv. 8, 20

B. The Passover and the lamb

- The history (Exodus and the angel of death)
- The Jews annual celebration
- The diaspora's dilemma
- The solution: holy sheep!

Application:

- What is the purpose of sacrificial lambs?
- Was Jesus born?
- Did Jesus Die?
- Is He alive?
- Is He coming again?
- What is significant about Jesus being pictured as a lamb?
- Have you trusted the lamb?
- Are you looking for the "Lion of Judah"?



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