

# The Christ of Christmas

## Luke 2:1-7 (New King James Version)

### Luke 2

#### Christ Born of Mary

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup> So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

<sup>4</sup> Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife,<sup>[a]</sup> who was with child. <sup>6</sup> So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

## Jesus presented in the temple vs 22-38

### Simeon, a just and devout man

## Luke 2:29-32 (New King James Version)

<sup>29</sup> " Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,  
According to Your word;  
<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen Your salvation  
<sup>31</sup> Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles,  
And the glory of Your people Israel."

**Anna, a prophetess, a widow of 84 years. She fasted and prayed, night and day.**

### **Luke 2:38 (New King James Version)**

<sup>38</sup> And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord,<sup>[a]</sup> and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

### **12 years later**

### **Luke 2:41-52 (New King James Version)**

#### **The Boy Jesus Amazes the Scholars**

<sup>41</sup> His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. <sup>43</sup> When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother<sup>[a]</sup> did not know *it*; <sup>44</sup> but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. <sup>45</sup> So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. <sup>46</sup> Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. <sup>48</sup> So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

<sup>49</sup> And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

#### **Jesus Advances in Wisdom and Favor**

<sup>51</sup> Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

## 18 years later

### Luke 3:21-22 (New King James Version)

#### John Baptizes Jesus

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. <sup>22</sup> And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

## Interesting statement

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### Philippians 2:5-11 (New King James Version)

#### The Humbled and Exalted Christ

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Note v. 8

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**Luke 2:51...was subject to them.**

**Philippians 2:8 .....He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death o the cross.**

**He was subject to time.**

## **Waiting on God.**

### **Thessalonians 2:6 (New King James Version)**

<sup>6</sup> And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.

### **Galatians 4:4 (New King James Version)**

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born<sup>[a]</sup> of a woman, born under the law,

### **Isaiah 40:31 (New King James Version)**

<sup>31</sup> But those who wait on the LORD  
Shall renew *their* strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.

## He was subject to hardness

Rome rules

Taxation without representation

Economic stress

Possibly Joseph died

### **2 Timothy 2:3 (New King James Version)**

<sup>3</sup> You therefore must endure<sup>[a]</sup> hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

## Subject to evil

Idolatry, witchcraft

Fornication

### **Hebrews 4:15 (New King James Version)**

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

### **2 Corinthians 5:21 (New King James Version)**

<sup>21</sup> For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### **Hebrews 12:3 (New King James Version)**

**The Discipline of God**

<sup>3</sup> For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

## 4 words

### Purpose

He knew His purpose

#### **Ephesians 2:10 (New King James Version)**

<sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### Pace

#### **Hebrews 12:1-2 (New King James Version)**

#### **Hebrews 12**

##### **The Race of Faith**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Process

#### **Matthew 7:21 (New King James Version)**

##### **I Never Knew You**

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

### Product

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**WELL DONE!**