Christmas 2021
"Unto Us a Child is Born"
"Unto Us a Son is Given"
Luke 2: 1-7

The Christmas Story is wrapped up in a single statement:

The Giving God gave His best!
He gave Himself!



"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given" (Isaiah 9: 6)



GOD BECAME A MERE MAN

CHRISTMAS Without CHRIST



but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die

GENESIS 2:17

The Proto-Evangelium.

■Genesis 3:15: "I will put enmity between YOU (the Serpent) and the WOMAN, and between your seed and her SEED (the Messiah, the Seed of the Woman). HE (Christ) shall bruise (crush) your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

The Baby in the manger would fulfill His purpose

Jesus came to do the Father's will John 6: 38

The price for your life and my life

THE DEATH OF THE INNOCENT (JESUS),
SO THE GUILTY COULD LIVE

At the perfect time,

in the fullness of time (God's time),

the Son

(the second person of the Trinity),

Became a Man

Galatians 4: 4

The Announcement to Zachariah <u>Luke 1: 11-17</u>

At the perfect time, the angel told Zachariah – Elizabeth will have a son Luke 1: 13

John's mission was to be a forerunner, at the perfect time - Luke 1: 17

John would prepare the hearts of the people, who had been far from God, for the Messiah

The Announcement to Mary Luke 1: 26-38

At the perfect time, Gabriel reveals God's plan to Mary

Mary is blown away!

She must have wondered

Why me? Why now? Will anyone believe this?

"How can this be, since I do not know a man?" Luke 1: 34

In miracle country, a must know: <u>Luke 1: 37</u> "For with God nothing will be impossible"

The Announcement to Joseph Matthew 1: 18-25

At the perfect time, Joseph is let in on the plan

An unbelievable Mary story *requires a* believable God answer!

Matthew 1: 20

Christ is Born Luke 2: 1-5

At the perfect time, Caesar Augustus (Caius Octavius) made the decree

A census would take place; all would be registered in their own city (city of birth)

The prophets said Messiah would be born in Bethlehem - Micah 5: 2

Joseph and Mary were in Nazareth, 70 miles north of Bethlehem

Problem? NOT FOR GOD!!



GOD INSPIRED THE CAESAR CENSUS!

God directed Caesar's actions - Proverbs 21: 1

Nothing is out of control; God is at the helm steering the ship

It is dark now, but the Light is about to burst forth on planet earth

The "Light of the World" is coming back

The world does not want the truth, cannot handle the truth

TRUTH SOUNDS LIKE HATE TO THOSE WHO HATE THE TRUTH

At the Perfect Time, In the Fullness of Time, IT WAS TIME! Luke 2: 6

In the natural, Joseph and Mary were alone

In the supernatural, the hosts of heaven and God was present!

THIS WAS A V.I.P. BIRTH!!

The Place Luke 2: 7

The surroundings were not comfortable – a smelly stable, a manger (feeding trough)

No room in the inn for them

No room in the world for a "nobody" from Nazareth

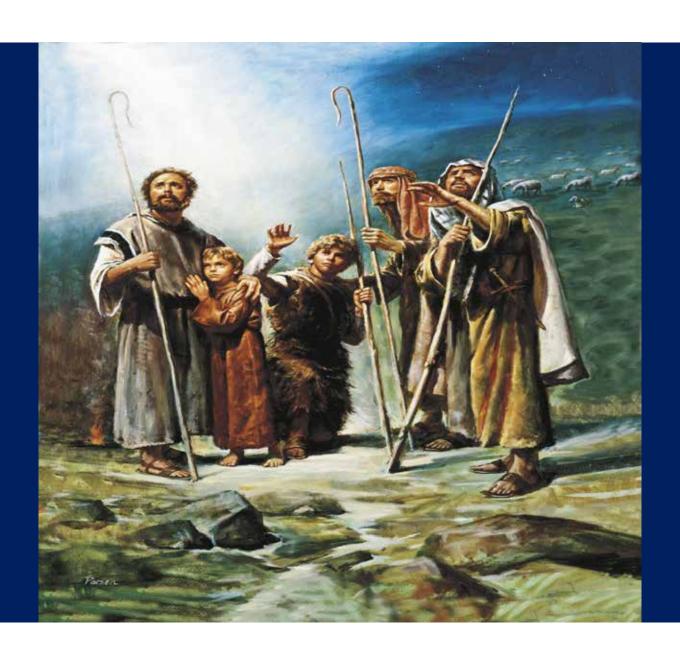
This was the setting for the birth of our KING!



The First to Hear About the Birth - the Shepherds <u>Luke 2: 8-13</u>

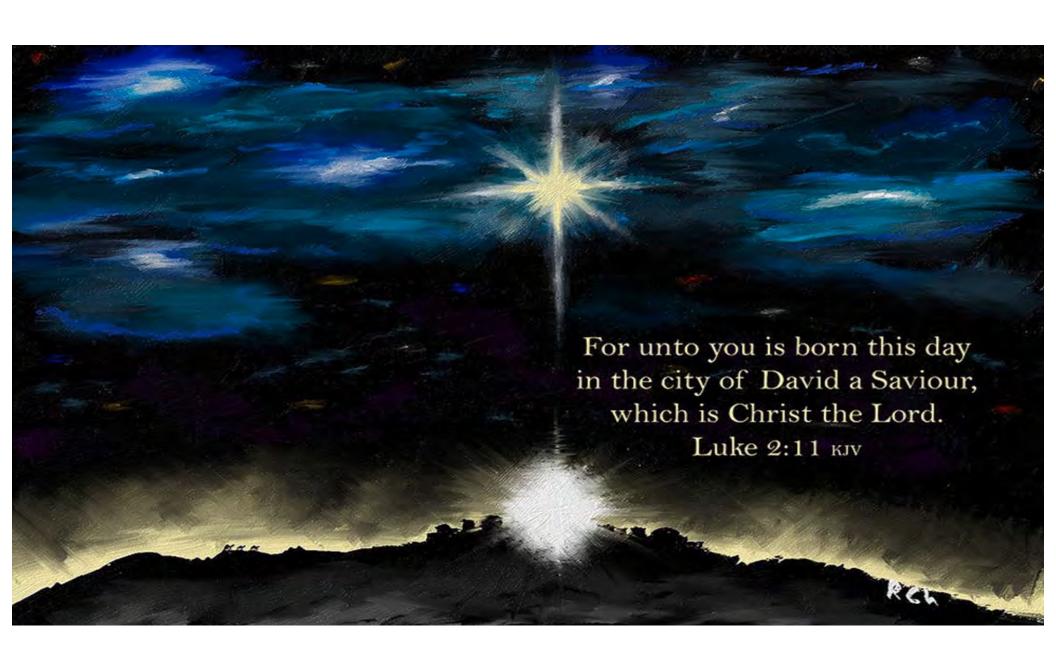
At the perfect time, the lowly, the lookeddown on in society, were the first to hear about the birth!

They were surprised by God!



What did the shepherds do?

Go and tell everyone about the Messiah



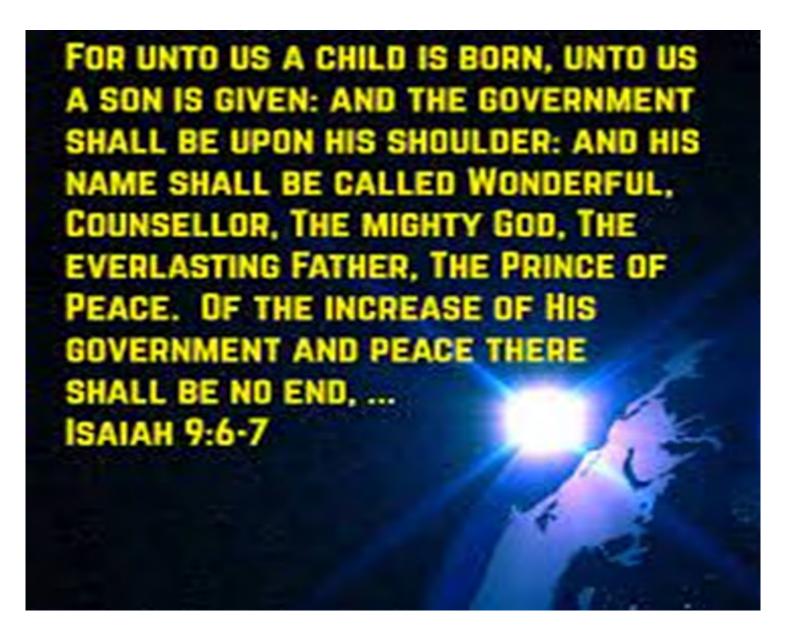
Closing:

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN

Jesus came the first time, and the world did not blink, did not care a bit

Jesus' second coming will be unwelcomed by most, but seen by all - Revelation 1: 7

Never forget, Jesus entered the chaos of this world for <u>US!</u>



This Christmas season, may we remember:

It was unto us that Jesus came

It was unto us that He died

It was unto us that He will return to reign

Jesus has done everything <u>unto us</u>!

Now may we live unto Him - all for His glory!

MAY THIS BE YOUR BEST CHRISTMAS EVER <u>UNTO HIM</u>

ALL EYES ON JESUS

MERRY CHRISTMAS BROTHERS AND SISTERS!



LEYES ON