

Luke 2:1–20

Good News of Great Joy!

1. Arrival, v1 – 7

(i) God's Sovereign Providence, v1 – 5

How is one man possibly going to be...

A descendant of David... *Isaiah 9:7*

Born of a virgin... *Isaiah 7:14*

Born in Bethlehem... *Micah 5:2*

Having his home in Nazareth... *Matthew 2:23*

Jeremiah 1:12 – I am watching to perform my Word



1. Arrival, v1–7

(ii) Christ's Simple Place, v7

Note: there is no inn-keeper or stable in the Biblical narrative.

Also:

inn (v7) is 'kataluma' = guestchamber

Whereas in Luke 10:34–35 (Good Samaritan)

inn is 'pandocheion' = public lodging place

2. Announcement, v8-14

Who should be the first to know?

Shepherds:

- ceremonially unclean
- absent from regular worship
- unable to stand as witnesses in court

God often chooses unlikely candidates!

2. Announcement, v8–14

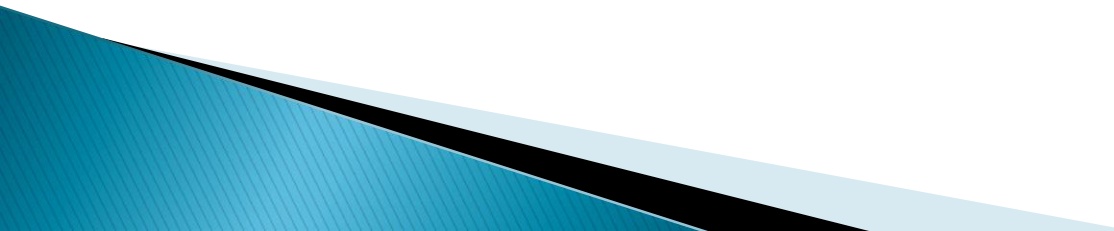
What was the message?

- Good news of great joy for all people
- A Saviour who is Christ the Lord
- Peace and goodwill toward men

We who are God's enemies are made to be at peace with Him, through Christ.

3. Affirmation, v15–20

The shepherds:

- go
 - see
 - declare
 - worship
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Mary pondered these things in her heart.

Will you?