

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7





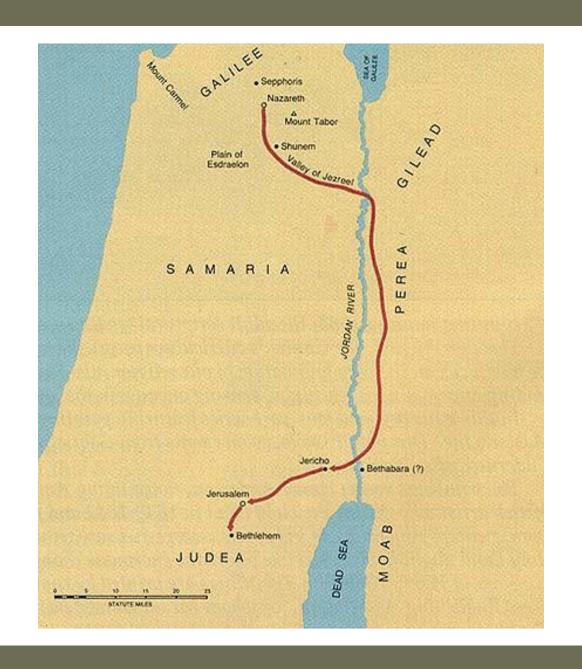


#### God's ways are confusing at times

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Luke 2:1-4



And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7

# God <u>planned</u> every <u>detail</u> of the <u>Nativity</u>

You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Psalm 139:16

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Luke 2:1-3

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah.

Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

Micah 5:2

I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Job 42:2

Our God is in the heavens, and he does as he wishes.

Psalm 115:3

"The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths"

Psalm 135:6

The LORD works out everything to its proper end—even the wicked for a day of disaster.

Proverbs 16:4

#### The Nativity shows us the **Heart** of God

## The Nativity shows that Jesus was approachable

## The Nativity shows that Jesus was humble

She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

**Luke 2:7** 

He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:7

## The Nativity shows that Jesus loves people

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21-23

For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.

Luke 9:56

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:16-18

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John 4:10

And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.

John 3:19

#### No Crib for a Bed

Luke 2:11