

## The Birth of Our Savior Luke 2:1-20 August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Bible contains actual, verifiable \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke was not only a highly educated physician, but an \_\_\_\_\_ historian.

Mary was still a \_\_\_\_\_ at Jesus' birth! If they were married, they would be expected to be sexually active. But this timing ensured a \_\_\_\_\_ "virgin birth"!

### Notice Three important things about the Gospel to understand from verse ten:

1. Good \_\_\_\_\_ = (Grk. euaggelizō) is the word we get "evangelize" from. "To bring the good news! The Gospel is "good news" (John 3:16-17)
2. Great \_\_\_\_\_ = Another glimpse of the heart of God. (Ps 16:11)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ people = God so loved the world. (1Timothy 2:4; 2Peter 3:9)

### Notice the focus of proper praise:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (to the highest degree)
2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ towards us = peace & goodwill.

### Some closing observations:

1. The shepherds immediately \_\_\_\_\_ to the divine message. They didn't procrastinate. They went "with haste" (V:16)
2. V:17 They "made widely \_\_\_\_\_" the message. (V:20) The Gospel message turned the shepherds into \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Praise and worship is the natural \_\_\_\_\_ in the hearts of those who have heard and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel!

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## Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) What are some of the misconceptions you've had about Jesus' birth in the past?
- 2.) Have you ever received a message that you knew was God clearly speaking to you?
- 3.) Read Sunday's text: Luke 2:1-20. What are some of the most striking things that stand out to you about this story? What are some of the most important biblical truths found in this text that you personally need to remember, embrace and practice? Please explain.
- 4.) Look up and discuss the following verses and explore how they apply to Sunday's text: Compare Luke 2:1-5 with Micah 5:2 and discuss the obvious. Discuss the implications of the Angels coming to the shepherds (V:8-14) rather than announcing the birth of the Savior in the King's palace (See John 1:29; 1Peter 1:18; Hebrews 9:11-14; 10:1-10)
- 5.) Do you have any further questions or comments about today's text? Discuss.
- 6.) Take some time to take prayer requests and pray for one another.