

The Birth of Our Savior
Luke 2:1-20 December 22nd, 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:

_____ (to the highest degree)
God's _____ towards us = peace & goodwill

Some closing observations:

The shepherds immediately _____ to the divine message. They didn't procrastinate. They went "with haste" (V:16)
V:17 They "made widely _____" the message.
(V:20) The Gospel message turned the shepherds into _____.

Praise and worship is the natural _____ in the hearts of those who have heard and _____ responded to the Gospel!

Notes: _____

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 prophetic 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. 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.