

CHRISTMAS THREADS

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Luke 2:1-14
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THREE SUPERNATURAL THREADS GOD WEAVES EVERYDAY

THE DATE

¹At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

²(This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³All returned to their own towns to register for this census. ⁴And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. Luke 2:1-3 (NLT)

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village in Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past. Micah 5:2 (NLT)

THE SIGN

¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12 (NIV)

⁵He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was obviously pregnant by this time. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth... Luke 2:5-7 (NLT)

...and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn. Luke 2:7b (NLT)

THE LIGHT

⁸That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terribly frightened... Luke 2:8-9 (NLT)

¹⁰but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! ¹¹The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹²And this is how you will recognize him: You will find a baby lying in a manger, wrapped snugly in strips of cloth!" ¹³Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God: ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors." Luke 2:10-14 (NLT)



¹²The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So don't live in darkness. Get rid of your evil deeds. Shed them like dirty clothes. Clothe yourselves with the armor of right living, as those who live in the light. Romans 13:12 (NLT)

²For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, God is ready to help you right now. Today is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT)

[Jesus Christ] ²⁹As the crowd pressed in on Jesus, he said, "These are evil times, and this evil generation keeps asking me to show them a miraculous sign... What happens to me will be a sign that God has sent me..." Luke 11:29, 30 (NLT)

¹⁶...the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined." ¹⁷From then on, Jesus began to preach, "Turn from your sins and turn to God, because the Kingdom of Heaven is near." Matthew 4:16-17 (NLT)