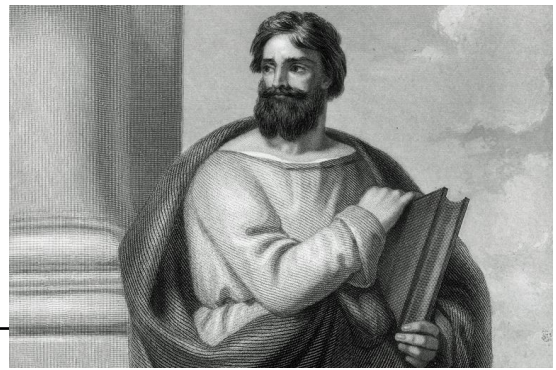


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE



LUKE 2

HOW JOSEPH, MARY, AND JESUS CAME TO BETHLEHEM (VV. 1-5)

- ❖ A decree that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth came from Caesar _____
- ❖ Ruling from 30BC to AD14
- ❖ This was the first census taken while _____ was governor of Syria — a few problems
 - ❖ Josephus records that Quirinius was governor of Syria starting in A.D. 6-7 (10 years too late to be in the era of Herod the Great)
 - ❖ A Roman census during the latter years of Herod is unknown, as of now, to historians
 - ❖ However, there is _____ evidence that Quirinius ruled Syria as a governor, or an administrator over the eastern empire between 10BC and 7BC
- ❖ Since both Joseph and Mary were from the line of David (distant cousins), they were required to return to their ancestral town (_____) to be counted
 - ❖ They traveled from _____, Galilee **UP** to Bethlehem
 - ❖ Mary was _____ to Joseph
 - ❖ And was with _____

JESUS IS BORN (VV. 6,7)

- ❖ While they were in Bethlehem, the days were _____ for her to give birth.
 - ❖ Wrapped Him in _____
 - ❖ Laid him in a _____
 - ❖ No room for them in the _____

THE ANGELIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS (VV. 8-20)

- ❖ In the _____ around Bethlehem there were _____, keeping watch over their _____ by _____.
- ❖ An _____ appears to them and the _____ of the Lord shines around them
 - ❖ They are _____
- ❖ The angel's message:
 - ❖ Don't be _____
 - ❖ I bring _____ news of great _____
 - ❖ For all the _____
 - ❖ Today in the city of David a _____ has been born, _____ the Lord
 - ❖ This is a sign: a baby wrapped in _____ and lying in a _____
- ❖ Suddenly the _____ of Heaven appears praising God: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."
- ❖ The shepherds decide to go into Bethlehem to see this thing that has been announced.
 - ❖ They _____
 - ❖ Found their way to Mary and Joseph and the baby in the _____
 - ❖ They tell _____ what they had seen and heard
- ❖ Mary _____ all these things in her heart (Does this imply that Luke got this story from Mary herself?)

- ❖ The shepherds return _____ God for the things they had seen and heard — just as it had been told them

JESUS IS PRESENTED AT THE TEMPLE (VV. 21-38)

- ❖ Jesus is circumcized the _____ day — probably by Joseph — and formally named "Jesus"

- ❖ "Jesus" is an English form of "Yeshua", the same name as Joshua (pronounced "Ye-how-shu-wa") " _____ "
- ❖ "When the days of purification are completed..." Explain this:
- ❖ Who did Jesus' family meet in the Temple? _____
- ❖ What made him special?
- ❖ What had been revealed to him?
- ❖ What did Simeon say about the baby Jesus?
- ❖ What was Joseph's and Mary's reaction?
- ❖ What did Simeon's speech to Mary (vv. 34-35) mean?
- ❖ Who else met Joseph, Mary, and Jesus? _____
- ❖ What made her special? _____
- ❖ What did she say about Jesus? _____

THE RETURN TO NAZARETH (VV. 39-40)

- ❖ What event do we know of that Luke skips in this telling of the life of Jesus?
- ❖ What do you think it is referring to when Luke says that the grace of God was upon Jesus?

TWELVE YEAR OLD JESUS VISITS JERUSALEM (VV. 41-52)

- ❖ How often did Joseph, Mary, Jesus and family go to the Passover? _____
- ❖ How old was Jesus at this incident? _____
- ❖ After the complete number of days had passed and it was time to go home, what the boy Jesus do?

- ❖ How did people travel in those days? _____
- ❖ Why?
- ❖ Would it be easy to miss a child this way? _____
- ❖ At the end of the first day of travel, where did Joseph and Mary look for Jesus?

- ❖ When they couldn't find Jesus, what did they do? _____
- ❖ How long were they looking for Him in Jerusalem? _____
- ❖ Where did they find Him? _____
- ❖ What was Jesus doing _____
- ❖ What was the reaction of those who heard Jesus' answers?
- ❖ What was Mary's reaction to Jesus?
- ❖ What was Jesus' response to her?
- ❖ Did they "get it"? _____
- ❖ When they returned to Nazareth, what kind of son was He?
- ❖ What may be implied about the source of this information, when the Scripture says, "and His mother treasured all these things in her heart."
- ❖ In what ways does v. 52 say Jesus grew?