

## Luke 2:1-7 – The Birth of Jesus Christ, Part 2

**Main Idea:** Our God sovereignly brought about the birth of His Son Jesus Christ in order to raise Him from the dead, and thereby prove to His people that His wrath was fully satisfied and their sins were completely forgiven.

### Introduction:

1. The Birth of Jesus had One Aim: To fulfill God's plan of Redemption for His people by the death and resurrection of His Son
2. Without the Birth of Jesus Christ, there is No Easter
3. The Infant King was born in order to be torn on the Cross

### God Orchestrated the Events of Jesus' Birth (vv 1-7)

1. God is Sovereign Over Global Events (vv 1-3)
  - a. Micah's Prophecy demanded the Messiah be born in Bethlehem of Judah – a Future Ruler
    - i. The Chief Priests and Scribes knew this (Mt 2:1-5)
    - ii. The General Populace were taught this (Jn 7:37-44)
  - b. How will God fulfill Micah's prophecy concerning the birth of Messiah if Mary and Joseph are in Nazareth?
  - c. God is over Governmental Decisions, the desires and motives of the Emperor are under God's control
  - d. Caesar Augustus – no concern about the Messiah born
  - e. God brings about what He wants through this king
  - f. Caesar issues a Census – probably for taxation
    - i. Caesar has a goal to accomplish fill the treasury
    - ii. Who is the Real Ruler? Who's decree is truly being accomplished in the world? God! He is over the heart of the King (Proverbs 21:1)
2. God is Sovereign Over Individual Circumstances (vv 4-5)
  - a. An inconvenient, difficult trip – 70 miles away with a pregnant wife
  - b. God moved this couple from Nazareth to Bethlehem to bring about His Redemptive Purposes in their lives
3. God is Sovereign Over Time (v 6)
  - a. What if the Emperor had Decreed this census one year earlier or one year later – no effect on the situation
  - b. God's Timing was Perfect and Just Right
  - c. Mary's Baby is Due: God gets her to Bethlehem on time
4. God is Sovereign Over Unpleasant Circumstances (v 7)
  - a. No Room at the Inn – Unpleasant, but not Unintended
  - b. Humility: Mark of the Messiah's Life (Jn 1:10, Lk 9:58)

- c. A Humble Birth, a Lowly Life, A Humiliating Death
- d. Jesus came to this World by His Own Choice, in order to Give His Life a Ransom for His Sheep (Jn 10:14-18)

### The Birth of Christ is About the Death and Resurrection of Christ

1. Jesus was Born to Solve the Problem of Human Sin and Death
  - a. Adam & Eve Sinned and Spread Death to All (Genesis 3)
  - b. The Day Adam ate the Forbidden Fruit, Death Entered In
  - c. Death is God's Judgment On Sin: Wages of Sin is Death
    - i. Genesis 4 – the First Homicide
    - ii. Genesis 5 – The Genealogical Record of Adam to Noah is filled with one common phrase: *And he died*
  - d. Death is God's Limit on Creatures whose Main Sin is that they want to be God (D.A. Carson)
  - e. God's Gracious Solution to the problem of Sin, Death, & Judgment is Jesus
  - c. The Easter Message: Sin, Death, & Judgment Do NOT have the Final Word
2. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ Announces that Jesus Completely & Ultimately Satisfied God's Holy Wrath & Gave His People their Deepest Need
  - a. The Deepest Need of for God's People is Peace with God and Forgiveness of Sin
  - b. Jesus Born to bring Forgiveness to Reconcile Us to God
  - c. Perfect Justice demands Payment for Wrongdoing
    - i. Jesus' Death Paid the Wages of our Sin
    - ii. Jesus' Resurrection Vindicated God's Justice
    - iii. Jesus' Resurrection Provided the Evidence that God's justice was satisfied and that our Sins had been paid for
  - d. Forgiveness of Sins is available to you ONLY if Christ has been Raised from the Dead (1 Corinthians 15:16-17)
    - i. No Resurrection - No Forgiveness of Sin, Faith is Vain
  - f. God's Wrath is Completely Satisfied in Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross – No Other Payment Needed
  - g. Jesus paid for our Sins with His Blood and the Resurrection of Jesus proves He paid in Full
3. Important Questions:
  - a. Are you certain your Sins are Forgiven? Or are you doubtful/suspicious they are not? Do you Believe in Jesus?
  - b. Are you satisfied in Christ's payment, or do you think you need to add obedience & good works to Save yourself?
  - c. How grateful are you that Jesus came to die for Sin, & then be Raised from the Dead as powerful evidence that God accomplished His Redemptive Work?
  - d. Forgiveness = No captivity to Sin, No awaiting judgment