

Sermon Notes for Young People

December 22, 2019 | Luke 2:1-7 | Christ's Humiliation

I. **Introduction:** Why was Jesus born poor?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **The Christ in World History (vv. 1-3)**

1. Orderly Account: what is one purpose Luke's Gospel account highlights here?
2. The Scepter has Departed
 - a. What happened to Joseph's family wealth and prominence?
 - b. How does Luke emphasize the fulfillment of prophecy here?
3. Caesar Augustus: What is the contrast Luke sets up here?
4. **Application**
 - a. Why is it important to know Jesus' birth is historical and not sentimental or mythical?
 - b. How does Luke show us God's promises are trustworthy here?

B. **Journey to Bethlehem (vv. 4-5)**

1. Divine Purposes: through whom does God bring about His will here?
2. City of David (v. 4)
 - a. Why is it strange to call Bethlehem the "city of David"?
 - b. On what did Mary ride to Bethlehem?

3. The Significance of Bethlehem

- a. What did Mary and Joseph know about Bethlehem's history?
- b. Why did Mary and Joseph remain there?

4. **Application**

- a. Why is it important not to idealize or sentimentalize the birth of Christ?
- b. How was faithfulness difficult for Mary and Joseph?

C. **The King is Born (vv. 6-7)**

1. When Does Mary Go into Labor?
2. Firstborn Son: What does being *first* suggest about Jesus?
3. The Babe in the Manger
 - a. What does the word translated *inn* mean?
 - b. In what ways was Christ's birth *nearly* impossibly difficult?
4. **Application**
 - a. What do we learn of Christ's grace and humility here?
 - b. How does Luke expose the silliness of pride?
 - c. How does Luke show us Christ's worthiness of our worship?

III. **Questions:** for my parents or the pastor...