

Good Tidings of Great Joy to All People!

Luke 2:1-20

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2. Hereditary reality. 2:4-5
3. Factors of poverty and timing. 2:6-7
4. Lessons learned
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 - c. The powerful do what they wish. But they are pawns to accomplish God's strategy.
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 - e. There was no room in the Living Quarters for Jesus.
 - f. Is there room for Jesus where you live?

B. The Angels Announce. 2:8-14

1. The target audience. 2:8
2. The messenger. 2:9
3. The message. 2:10.
4. The content. 2:11
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 - b. Savior of the world. 1 John 4:4
 - c. The Savior abolished death; brought life and immortality. 2 Timothy 1:10
 - d. The anticipation of salvation; the hope of the Savior's return. Titus 2:11-14
 - e. Live for an abundant entrance into the Savior's eternal kingdom. 2 Peter 1:10-11
6. The "sign" of the message. 2:12

7. Reinforcement of the message. 2:13
8. Content of the reinforcement. 2:14
 - a. Praise: Glory to God.
 - b. Blessing: Peace among men.
9. How should we live?
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 - b. Live to bring peace among men.

C. The Shepherds Seek. 2:15-20

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3. The shepherds tell their story. 2:17-19
4. The shepherds praise God. 2:20

D. Final Thoughts

1. God took great pains to arrange the birth of the Savior.
2. God took great pains to publicize the birth of the Savior.
3. God wants to save people from sin and eternal death.
4. The news about Jesus is the BEST NEWS in the world!
5. God is looking for people to pass on the Good News!
6. What are your plans to pass on the Good News in 2014?

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