

• LESSON 3 (January 17) •

Luke 2 • The Birth and Childhood of Jesus

1. Luke 2:1-7 is Luke's account of several circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. Did it "just so happen" that Jesus was born in Bethlehem? How do we know? And what can we learn?
2. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (2:11). Each one of those designations is important. What do they communicate?
 - Savior –
 - Christ –
 - The Lord –
3. Luke 2:12 is almost jarring having just read Luke 2:11. In what way? Again, what can we learn?
4. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (2:14). Of all the things the heavenly host could proclaim, why this?
5. Is there anything we can learn from the details provided by Luke in Luke 2:18-19?
6. "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb" (2:21). What does that name mean?
7. Luke 2:22-24 documents what was done in accordance with "the Law of Moses" in Leviticus 12:1-8. What brief glimpse are we given into the circumstances of Joseph and Mary from Luke 2:24 in light of Leviticus 12:8?
8. How would you summarize the incredible encounter of Joseph and Mary with Simeon in Luke 2:25-35? What stands out to you about his prophetic words?
9. What should we make of Luke's description of the prophetess Anna and her actions in Luke 2:36-38?
10. What do we learn about Jesus from Luke's account of the trip to Jerusalem in Luke 2:41-52? How does it set the stage for what is to come in the rest of Luke's narrative?