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Luke 2:1-7

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph

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also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was

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expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

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God is ***in charge*** of this universe, and He ***knows exactly*** what he is doing.

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Isaiah 55:8-9

"For ***my thoughts*** are ***not your thoughts***, neither are ***your ways my ways***, declares The Lord. As the heavens are ***higher*** than the earth, so are ***my ways higher*** than ***your ways***, and ***my thoughts***, than ***your thoughts***.

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Luke 2:1-2,
"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a **decree** that a **census** should be taken of the **entire Roman world**. This took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria."

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Galatians 4:4,
"But when the **time had fully come**, God sent His **Son**, born of a woman, born under law, to **redeem** those under law that we might receive the **full rights of sons!**"

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Luke 2:6,
"While they were there the **time came** for the Baby to be **born!**"

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Romans 8:28,
"All things work **together for good** to those that **love Him** and are **called** according to His purpose."

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Luke 2:7,
 "She wrapped Him in **cloths**
 and placed Him in a **manger**,
 because there was **no room**
 for them in the inn."

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Hebrews 4:15,
 "For we **do not** have a **High Priest** Who is **unable** to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we **have One** Who has been tempted in **every way**, just as **we are**, yet was **without sin**."

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2. The "**place**" of Christ's birth was a **surprise!**
3. The "**arrival**" was **surprisingly** uneventful in the eyes of the world!

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"Jesus **came** into the **world** as an **ordinary** baby; **grew up** in **humble** circumstances; so that **He** could **identify** with the **hurts** of all men!"

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God usually does
 "**dramatic things**" in
 "**undramatic ways!**"

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"**Why**" does God
do that?

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2. Christianity is "**by faith**" and "**not by sight**".

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Hebrews 11:1,
"Now **faith** is being **sure**
of what we **hope for**, and
certain of what we **do**
not see!"

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