

BELIEF, A HEART LIKE HIS, FAITH-FAMILY-DISCIPLINESHIP

New Testament Unit - Benefits of Belief - *Good News of Great Joy* - Dec.24, 2017

Text: Luke 1:1 - 2: 52

Intro: Today we study the birth of Jesus. Read the first chapter of Luke. What are some of the events recorded that let us know that this would be an important event in the world?

What are some significant points made in Mary's song? (Luke 1:46-55)

What are some significant points made in Zechariah's prophecy? (Luke 1:67-79)

Why was the birth of Jesus an event that changed the world?

I. Luke 2:1-7 Jesus' Birth Fulfilled Scripture

1. How did God use Caesar Augustus to help fulfill scripture? (see also Micah 5:1-5a)

2. The trip to Bethlehem was a major undertaking for Joseph & Mary. See what you can find out about the geographical challenges of this trip. Why do you think Mary would make this journey?

3. What is the significance of such a lowly birth for Jesus? What was the purpose of his birth?

II. Luke 2:8-21 Jesus' Birth is Joyful Good News

1. How is God's power on display in vss. 8-14?
2. What was the message from the angels to the shepherds about Jesus' birth?
3. What was the response of the shepherds? (2:15-20)
4. What do we find out about Joseph and Mary from 2:21?

III. Luke 2:22-38 Jesus Presented at the Temple

1. What do we learn about Simeon from 2:25-26?
2. What did Simeon say about Jesus in 2:29-32?
3. What did Simeon mean in 2:34-35?
4. What do we learn about Anna from 2:33-38?
5. What do you think is so significant about Joseph and Mary's exchanges with Simeon and Anna?