



BREAKING NEWS!
THE JOYFUL MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS
LUKE 2:1-20

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - December 25, 2022

1. Trust _____ (vv. 1-7)

Luke 2:1-20 (ESV)

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

2. Find _____ (vv. 8-14)

14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" 15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

3. Reflect _____ (vv. 15-20)

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Psalm 46.** As you consider this Psalm and our text in Luke, how do these passages increase your trust in a God who controls the nations? How should this affect your outlook as you look towards a new year?

2. **Read Romans 5:1-5.** Meditate on the peace with God that Christ brings. What are some of the benefits of that peace that you want to celebrate this Christmas?

3. **Read Luke 2:19.** As you prepare for a new year, what are some of the things that you need to treasure and ponder in your heart that will increase your gratitude to and confidence in God?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Alexander, T.D. *The Servant King*. Regent College Publishing, 1998.

Varner, William. *The Messiah*. AuthorHouse, 2004.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for the gift of Jesus Christ.

Thank God for how He has provided for our church in 2022. Pray that 2023 would be the most fruitful year of ministry yet at CBCTV.

Pray for the return of Christ.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
12/26	Nehemiah 1-4	Revelation 17
12/27	Nehemiah 5-7	Revelation 18
12/28	Nehemiah 8-9	Revelation 19
12/29	Nehemiah 10-11	Revelation 20
12/30	Nehemiah 12-13 ; Psalm 126	Revelation 21
12/31	Malachi 1-4	Revelation 22