HE IS THE MESSIAH, THE LORD

Luke 2:1–20

Key Verses: 2:10–11

Who was Caesar Augustus? What was his decree, and what was the purpose of this? What was “the entire Roman world”? (1) How did Caesar’s decree affect people? (3)

What kind of place was Bethlehem, and how far is it from Nazareth? Why did Joseph go there, and how was God working in this? (4) How is Mary described, and what does this imply? (5) Why do you think she traveled there with Joseph? What details show the humility of Jesus’ birth? (6–7) How is he a contrast to Caesar Augustus?

Who else is mentioned, what were they doing, and what happened? (8–9) Of all people, why do you think God sent his angel to them? (1:50–52) What did the angel say? (10–11) What does it mean that Jesus is our Savior? The Messiah? The Lord? Why is this “good news”? Why would it “cause great joy”? How is it for “all the people”?

What sign did the angel tell them to go and see? (12) What happened next? (13) How would Jesus’ birth affect both heaven and earth? (14) Why does it bring glory to God? Peace to people? Why only to those on whom God’s favor rests?

What did the shepherds do first? (15–16) Next? (17–18) How did Mary respond to these things, and why? (19) How did the shepherds find that the angel’s words were true? (20) Why were they glorifying and praising God? What lessons can we learn from them here?