



# “THE BEST GIFT IN HISTORY: THE DELIVER’S DELIVERY”

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LUKE 2:1-7 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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CONTEXT:  
PROPHETIC, ANGELIC  
PREGNANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



26 Then, in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee that was named Nazareth 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, from the house of David, and the name of the virgin was Mary. (Lk 1:26-27, AT)





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28 And he came to [/came in towards] her and said,  
"Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

29 But she was greatly troubled by the statement, and  
was pondering what kind of greeting this might be.

(Lk 1:28-29, AT)





CONTEXT:  
PROPHETIC, ANGELIC  
PREGNANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not fear,  
Mary, for you have found favor with God." 31  
And, behold: you will conceive in your womb  
and give birth to a son, and you shall call His  
name Jesus. (Lk 1:30-31, AT)





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32 He will be great, and will be called [the] Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give Him the throne of His forefather, David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end. (Lk 1:32-33, AT)





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34 But Mary said to the angel, "How will this be since I have not had sexual intercourse with [lit. *know*] a man?" (Lk 1:34, AT)

35 Then the angel answered and said to her, [the] Holy Spirit will come upon you and [the] power of [the] Most High will overshadow you. And, thus, the One who is to be born will be called holy [and the] Son of God. (Lk 1:35, AT I)





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36 And behold: Elizabeth – your (female) relative – she has also conceived a son in her old age. And this is [the] sixth month of she who was said to be unable to conceive [lit. called infertile]. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God. (Lk 1:36-37, AT)





CONTEXT:  
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And Mary said, "Behold: [I am] the servant of the Lord. May it happen to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (Lk 1:38, AT)





LUKE 2:1  
CAESAR AUGUSTUS:  
KING OF THE WORLD



Now it came to pass: in those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus to have the entire [Roman] world register themselves for a tax census. (Lk 2:1, AT)





LUKE 2:1  
CAESAR AUGUSTUS:  
“SON OF A GOD”?



A Priene inscription circa 9 BC hailed  
Caesar Augustus as a **god** whose “**birthday**  
signaled the beginning of **good news**  
[εὐαγγέλιον | *euangelion*] for the world.”



LUKE 2:1  
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“[Augustus] is the father of his **divine** homeland Rome, inherited from his **father Zeus**, and a **savior** of the common folk...making **peace** for land and sea... there are fond **hopes** for the future and **good will** during the present which fills **all men.**” (Inscription from Halicarnassus)





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LUKE 2:2  
CENSUS FOR  
CENTS



This was the **first** census that took place while Quirinius was governing Syria (Lk 2:2, AT I)

This was the census that took place **before** Quirinius was governing Syria (Lk 2:2, AT II)



LUKE 2:2  
THE MASTER'S  
MASTER PLAN



This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people **Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.** (Jer 29:1, NIV)





LUKE 2:2  
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10 **This** is what the LORD [YHWH] says: “When **seventy years** are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and **fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place.** 11 **For I know the plans I have for you,**” declares the LORD [YHWH], “**plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.** (Jer 29:10-11, NIV)



LUKE 2:2  
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12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you,” declares the LORD [YHWH], “**and will bring you back from captivity.** I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD [YHWH], “**and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.**” (Jer 29:12-14, NIV)



LUKE 2:2  
THE MASTER'S  
MASTER PLAN



who says of **Cyrus**, ‘He is my **shepherd**  
and **will accomplish all that I please**;  
he will say of Jerusalem, “Let it be rebuilt,”  
and of the temple, “Let its foundations be laid.” ’  
(Is 44:28, NIV)



## LUKE 2:2 THE MASTER'S MASTER PLAN



“This is what the LORD [YHWH] says to his **anointed** [מָשִׁיחַ | *māšîaḥ* | *messiah*],  
to **Cyrus**, whose right hand I take hold of  
to subdue nations before him  
and to strip kings of their armor,  
to open doors before him  
so that gates will not be shut:

(Is 45:1, NIV)





## LUKE 2:2 THE MASTER'S MASTER PLAN



4 For the sake of Jacob my servant,  
of Israel my chosen,

**I summon you by name**

and bestow on you a title of honor,

**though you do not acknowledge me.**

5 I am the LORD [YHWH], and there is no other;  
apart from me there is no God.

I will strengthen you,

**though you have not acknowledged me,**

(Is 45:4-5, NIV)





LUKE 2:2  
THE MASTER'S  
MASTER PLAN



6 so that from the rising of the sun

to the place of its setting

people may know there is none besides me.

I am the LORD [YHWH], and there is no other.

(Is 45:6, NIV)





LUKE 2:3  
HOMEWARD  
BOUND



And everyone was going to  
have themselves registered, each  
in their own town. (Lk 2:3, AT)





LUKE 2:4  
BETHLEHEM  
BOY



So Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea, into the town of David (which is called Bethlehem) because he was of the house and family line of David (Lk 2:4, AT)





LUKE 2:4  
BETHLEHEM:  
CITY OF DAVID



The LORD [YHWH] said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of **Bethlehem**. I have **chosen** one of his sons to be **king**.” (1 Sam 16:1, NIV)





LUKE 2:4  
BETHLEHEM:  
CITY OF DAVID



Now **David** was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from **Bethlehem in Judah**. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old. (1 Sam 17:12, NIV)





LUKE 2:4  
BETHLEHEM:  
CITY OF THE MESSIAH



“But you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah, though you are **small** among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be **ruler** over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” (Mic 5:2, NIV)



LUKE 2:4  
BETHLEHEM:  
CITY OF THE MESSIAH



4 And having assembled all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah [Christ] was to be born. 5 Then they said to him, "In **Bethlehem** of Judah. For so it has been written by the prophet: 6 'And you, **Bethlehem**, [in the] land of Judah are by no means least among the rulers of Judah. For out of you will come a **ruler** who will shepherd My people, Israel [Mic 5:2].'" (Mt 2:4-6, AT)



LUKE 2:4  
BETHLEHEM:  
CITY OF THE MESSIAH



Does not Scripture say that the **Messiah**  
will come from **David's descendants** and  
from **Bethlehem, the town where David**  
**lived?**" (Jn 7:42, NIV)





LUKE 2:5  
EXPEDITION  
WHILE EXPECTING



4 So Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea, into the town of David (which is called Bethlehem) because he was of the house and family line of David 5 to have himself registered with Mary who had been betrothed to him – being pregnant.

(Lk 2:4-5, AT)



LUKE 2:5  
EXPEDITION  
WHILE EXPECTING



24 So after Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took [Mary] as his wife. 25 Yet, he was **not being sexually intimate with her until she bore a son**. And, he called His Name Jesus. (Mt 1:24-25, AT)



LUKE 2:6  
EXPEDITION  
WHILE EXPECTING



Then it came to pass: when they were there, the days were fulfilled in order for her to give birth. (Lk 2:6, AT)





LUKE 2:6  
EXPEDITION  
WHILE EXPECTING



And, behold: you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. (Lk 1:31, AT)





LUKE 2:7  
THE BEST GIFT OF HISTORY  
THE DELIVERER'S DELIVERY



And she gave birth to her Firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no space for them in the lodging place [κατάλυμα | *katalyma*].

(Lk 2:7, AT)



LUKE 2:7  
NO PLACE  
IN THE INN?



10 He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters,  
11 and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the **guest room** [κατάλυμα | *katalyma*], where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’

(Lk 22:10-11, NIV)





LUKE 2:7  
FIRSTBORN  
SON



Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. (Mk 6:3, NIV)





LUKE 2:7  
FIRSTBORN  
SON



1 The LORD [YHWH] said to Moses,  
2 **“Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”** (Ex 13:1-2, NIV)



LUKE 2:7  
FIRSTBORN  
SON



11 The LORD [YHWH] also said to Moses, 12 “I have taken the Levites from among the Israelites **in place of the first male offspring of every Israelite woman.** The Levites are mine, 13 for all the **firstborn** are mine. When I struck down all the **firstborn** in Egypt, I set apart for myself every **firstborn** in Israel, whether human or animal. They are to be mine. I am the LORD [YHWH].”  
(Num 3:11-13, NIV)



LUKE 2:7  
FIRSTBORN  
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22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “**Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord**” [Ex 13:2, 12, 15; Num 3:13]), 24 and **to offer a sacrifice** in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” [Lev 12:8] (Lk 2:22-24, NIV)