

The Promised Savior Luke 2:1-16

Luke 2:1-16 (NIV)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph 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. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

I. The Promised Satisfaction

Verse 10 – The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Psalm 23:1 (NLT)

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need."

II. The Promised Salvation

Verse 11 – "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Ronald Reagan

"This man had a greater effect on the world than all the rulers, kings, emperors; all the conquerors, generals and admirals, all the scholars, scientists and philosophers who have ever lived -- all of them put together. How do we explain that? - Unless he really was who he said he was."

III. The Promised Security

Verse 14 – "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Romans 5:1 (ESV)

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."