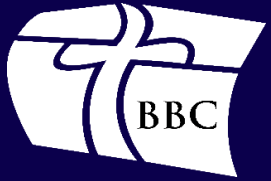


# The Birth of Christ Luke 2

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<b>Pre-Christ Narratives</b>				
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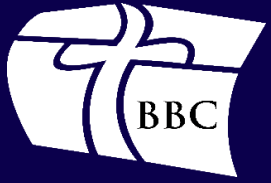
# Luke 2:1-2



- In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

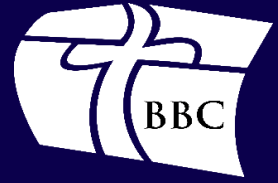
**Why include  
these historical  
details?**

# Luke 2:3



- And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

# Luke 2:4



- 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,

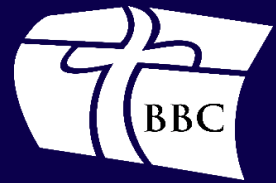
**Again both Matthew and Luke go  
overboard in making sure you know  
that Jesus is of the house of David.**

**<sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.**

**<sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,**

**<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,**

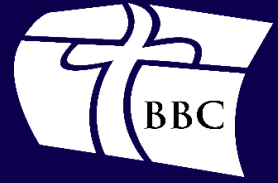




## Luke 2:5

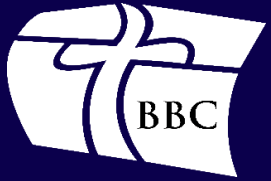
- to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

# Luke 2:6-7



- And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> 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.

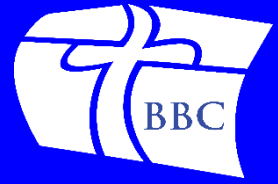
# Luke 2:8



- And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.



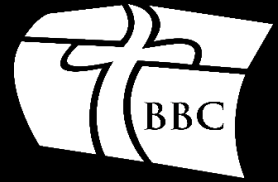
# What is the significance of shepherds?



# Turn Back to Ezekiel 34

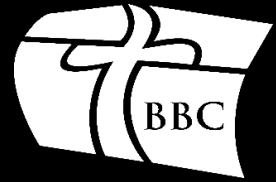
**v. 1-23**

# Matthew 2:6



- “ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

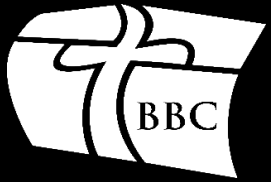
# Matthew 9:36



- When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

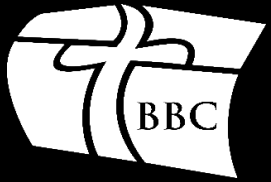


# John 10:11



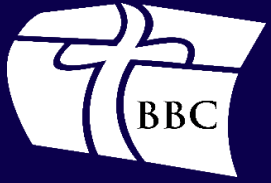
- I am the good shepherd.
- The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

# 1 Peter 2:25, 5:4



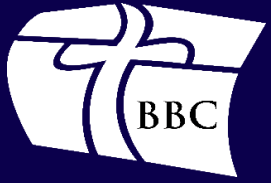
- For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to **the Shepherd** and Overseer of your souls.
- And when the **chief Shepherd** appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

# Luke 2:9



- 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.

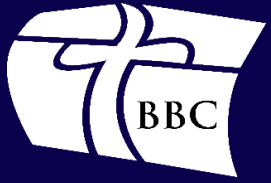
# Luke 2:10



• 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.**”

**What is the good  
news of great joy for  
all people?**

## Luke 2:11



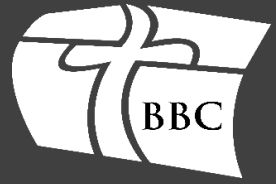
• For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Savior: deliverer, redeemer, one who rescues**

**Christ: the Messiah (the Anointed One)**

**The Lord: the Greek word for YHWH**

Isaiah 43:11



• I, I am the LORD, and besides  
me there is no savior.

YHWH



**Therefore, Christ must be of the Lord  
for besides YHWH there is no savior.**

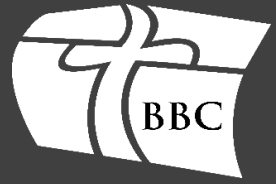
**Thus we can say that Jesus is YHWH in  
the same way that the Father is  
YHWH.**

**Savior: deliverer, redeemer, one who rescues**

**Christ: the Messiah (the Anointed One)**

**The Lord: the Greek word for YHWH**

# Daniel 9:25-26



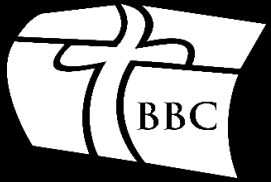
- Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of **an anointed one, a prince**, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. <sup>26</sup> And after the sixty-two weeks, **an anointed one shall be cut off** and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

**Savior: deliverer, redeemer, one who rescues**

**Christ: the Messiah (the Anointed One)**

**The Lord: the Greek word for YHWH**

**Luke 1:68**



• “Blessed be **the Lord God of Israel**, for he has visited and redeemed his people

**the baby**

**We need to recognize that Jesus  
is as much the Lord God of Israel  
as the Father is the Lord God of  
Israel.**

**There is one God and there is one  
people of God.**

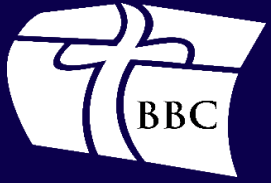
**God is our Savior; Christ Jesus  
is our Savior.**



**Now the shepherds  
get a sign.**

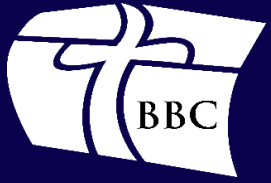


# Luke 2:12

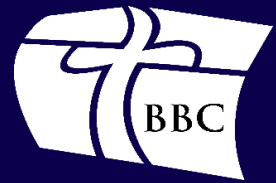


- And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

# Luke 2:13



- And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,



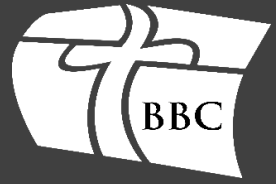
**Luke 2:14**

- “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth **peace among  
those with whom he is  
pleased!**”



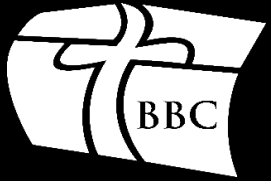
Why is this greeting of  
peace  
such a big deal?

# Luke 1:79



•to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death, to guide our  
feet into **the way** of peace.”

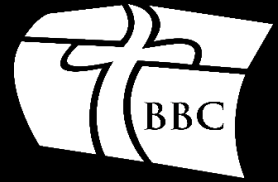
# Romans 3:17



•and the way of peace they  
[sinners] have not known.”

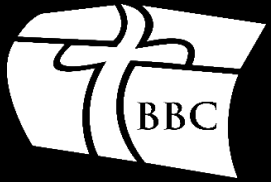
**Isaiah 59:8**

# Romans 5:1



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

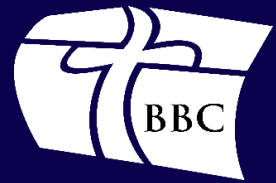
# Luke 24:36



• And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.**







**Luke 2:14**

- “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth **peace among  
those with whom he is  
pleased!”**

**Pleasing God is layered and nuanced.**

**Through faith in the gospel I move from the wrath of God abiding on me to being at peace with God. Yet there is a component of personal responsibility where I need to please God with the way I live through being led by His Spirit.**

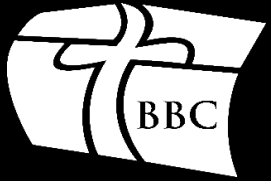


# Turn to

# Romans 8:8ff

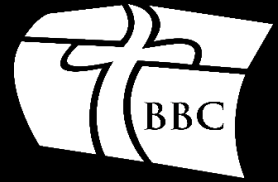
**<sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You,**  
**however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the**  
**Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the**  
**Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you,**  
**although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life**  
**because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised**  
**Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus**  
**from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through**  
**his Spirit who dwells in you.**

# 1 Thessalonians 2:4



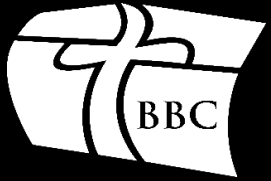
- but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, **but to please God** who tests our hearts.

# 1 Thessalonians 4:1



- Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us **how you ought to walk and to please God,** just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.

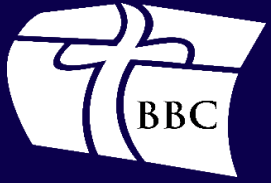
# Hebrews 11:6



- And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

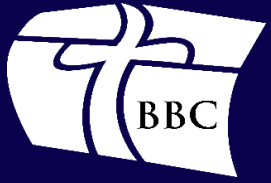


# Luke 2:15

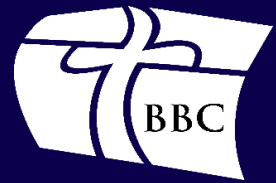


- When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

# Luke 2:16



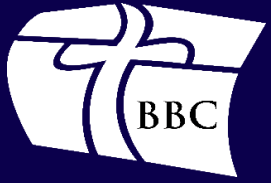
- And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.



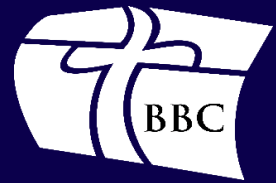
# Luke 2:17

- And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

# Luke 2:18



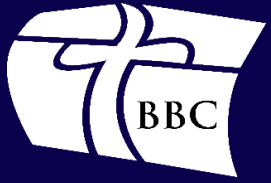
- And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.



# Luke 2:19

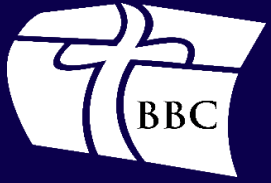
- But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

# Luke 2:20



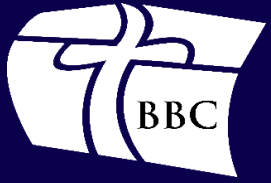
- And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

# Luke 2:21



- And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

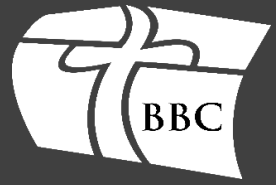
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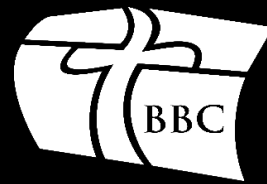




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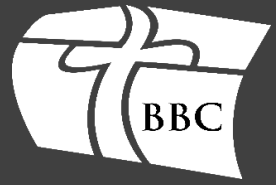
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