

## THE BOOK OF LUKE

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## LUKE 2

### Luke 2:1-21 — The Birth of Jesus

**date:** *Caesar Augustus ruled the Roman Empire 27 BC to AD 14. Quirinius governed the Roman province of Syria (including Galilee and Judea) twice, we think: in 6-4 BC and again in AD 6-7. He apparently conducted a census in both of his terms. Herod the Great ruled Judea under the Roman emperor from 37 BC until his death in 4 BC. Based on the chronology provided by Matthew and Luke, Jesus was born around 6-5 BC.*

2:1-5 — With whom did Joseph go to Bethlehem? \_\_\_\_\_ Why did they go to Bethlehem?

2:7 — Why did Mary place her newborn son in a manger?

2:8 — To whom did the angels appear? \_\_\_\_\_

2:11 — What titles did the angel give to Mary's son? *a* \_\_\_\_\_, *the* \_\_\_\_\_, *the* \_\_\_\_\_

2:14 — To God, the angels proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ in the highest heaven. To those on earth, they proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ to those on whom his \_\_\_\_\_ rests.

2:18 — What did the people who heard the shepherds' news about Mary's child think of this news?

2:19 — How did Mary respond to all these events?

2:20 — How did the shepherds respond to what they had heard and seen?

2:21 — What name was given to Mary's child? \_\_\_\_\_

### Luke 2:22-40 — Prophecy at the Dedication of Jesus

2:22-24 — *Mary and Joseph observe two separate but connected rituals here. One is for Mary's purification—read **Leviticus 12**. The other is for the dedication of her firstborn to God—read **Exodus 13:1-2**.*

• *According to Leviticus 12, how old would Jesus have been when Joseph & Mary went to the temple for their son's dedication and for Mary's purification?* \_\_\_\_\_

• *Compare Luke 2:24 with Leviticus 12:6-8. What does the sacrifice Joseph and Mary brought to the Lord tell us about their economic status at this time?* \_\_\_\_\_

2:25-32 — Whom did the Holy Spirit send into the temple? \_\_\_\_\_

• What/Whom did the Holy Spirit want him to see? \_\_\_\_\_

• He said (verse 32) that Jesus would be a \_\_\_\_\_ for revelation to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people \_\_\_\_\_.

2:33-35 — What prophecy did Simeon speak...

...about Jesus?

...about Mary?

2:36-38 — Name of this prophet: \_\_\_\_\_ How old was she? \_\_\_\_\_

• She spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to...

2:39 — After these events, where did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus live? *town of* \_\_\_\_\_ *in the region of* \_\_\_\_\_

2:40 — The child grew and became \_\_\_\_\_. He was filled with \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was on him.

**Matthew 2 — The Magi Visit Jesus**

- *Magi were wise men, likely astrologers, from Persia, Arabia, or Mesopotamia.*
- The prophet Micah had foretold that a ruler of Israel would come from \_\_\_\_\_.
- What did the Magi do when they found young Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why did Herod want to kill young Jesus?
  
- Where did Joseph and his family go to escape from Herod? \_\_\_\_\_
- Joseph and his family returned to Israel. They settled in the town of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 2:41-52 — Jesus Gets Left Behind in Jerusalem**

2:41 — How often did Jesus' parents go to Jerusalem for the Passover festival (a one-way journey of about 100 miles)? \_\_\_\_\_

2:42 — How old was Jesus at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

2:43-45 — How did Jesus end up being left behind?

2:46-47 — How long was Jesus lost? \_\_\_\_\_

- Where did his parents find him? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was he doing?
  
- What did those who heard him think of him?

2:49 — Jesus answered his mother, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my \_\_\_\_\_?"

- What does his response reveal about his sense of self-identity at this time?

2:51-52 — Jesus went to \_\_\_\_\_ with them and was \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

- His mother treasured all these things in her \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus grew in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_ with God and man.

***for class discussion...***

- What hints of Jesus' mission does Luke give us in these early scenes from Jesus' life?
  
- How do people tend to respond to Jesus and the events around him in these scenes?
  
- What event might Simeon have been referring to in 2:35 when he prophesied to Mary, "And a sword will pierce your own soul too"?
  
- Is there anything that surprises you in this chapter? Anything you expected to find in the story of Jesus' birth, but that wasn't there? Anything that was confusing?