

Ordinary Miracles > Luke 2:1-7

2:1-3 *In those days.* Luke tells us the historical details of the setting for Christ's birth: Caesar had ordered a tax census that required folks to go to their hometowns in order to register.

2:4-5 *In David's line.* Yet, Caesar is not the center of this story! Instead, we rapidly switch to Joseph and Mary who were heading to Bethlehem. Why? Because Joseph was of the line of David. Luke reminds us that Mary was with child (**1:26-38**), which is crucial to the story.

2:6-7 *In a manger.* While in Bethlehem, Mary gives birth to Jesus in the humblest of circumstances. The prophesied Messiah has come – but not in earthly power or wealth!

The Point: God's promised Messiah came exactly as He had said, and in a way that uniquely displays both God's sovereignty and Christ's humility.

Prayer: Lord – we usually give our attention to whatever seems most flashy, loudest, or most lavish. What a challenge to us that our Savior was brought into this world through very “ordinary” circumstances, each a miracle worked by you! Teach us to trust you in all things and to believe that your will and plans are perfect and for the joy of your people forever.

Application: trust the Lord who is in charge of all things, large and small – from government decrees to genealogies! Believe and share with others how this wonder-working God has done the miracle of saving us from our sins, and that all came into focus with the life of Jesus, starting here with His birth.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
