

LUKE 2; August 19; Birth of Jesus the Christ

ANALYSIS:

1. Why did Joseph take Mary to Bethlehem when she was so near to giving birth? _____
2. To Whom did the angels announce Jesus' birth, and what did they tell? _____
3. What did Simeon say, as he held the baby Jesus, that caused Joseph and Mary to marvel? _____
4. What else is said about Jesus as he grew and waxed strong in spirit? _____
5. How did Jesus answer his mother when she found him in the temple after a 3-day search? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The angels announced at Jesus' birth "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (v 10). The words, "all people," give us who are outside the family of Israel hope for salvation. Then eight days later Simeon declares by the Holy Spirit that Jesus would indeed provide light to the "Gentiles" (v 32). Now we have assurance that the LORD God Jehovah includes those outside the family of Israel in his so great salvation. Praise ye the LORD!

Let us be vocal in praise for our so great a Savior! Let's sing praise, play recorded praise, voice our praise in prayer and write words of praise to honor and worship our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

HELP:

1. Caesar Augustus decreed that all his subjects return to the city of their heritage to be taxed. That meant Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem since he was of the house and lineage of David (vs 1-5).
2. Angels told shepherds a message of good news, a savior is born in Bethlehem, which is Christ the Lord, find him wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger (vs 10-12).
3. Let me depart in peace, my eyes have seen thy salvation prepared before all people, a light for the Gentiles and the glory of Israel (vs 29-32).
4. He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him, and he increased in favour with God and man (vs 40, 52).
5. Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business (v 49).