

Advent Week 2: Love

Luke 2:1-7

THE Child is Born

Advent Candle: Love (John 3:16)

***God uses every resource to redeem His most precious treasure: the World (you and me).**

=>The Nativity scene today is not what it was during the birth of Jesus.

I. History

- A. Octavian had defeated all his competition to become the ultimate ruler of Rome
- B. This gave the Roman controlled world a time of relative peace (Pax Romana)
- C. This allowed languages, cultures, and religions to spread into new areas
- D. The census gave Rome a count of the resources it had and the people sense of where they were from and who they were
- E. Fulfilled prophecy: Michah 5:2

II. Heritage

- A. Both Joseph and Mary were descendants of David
 - 1. Matthew 1:2-16 gives Joseph's lineage
 - 2. Luke 3:23-38 gives Mary's lineage
- B. Returned to Bethlehe for the census
 - 1. 80 miles from Nazareth
 - 2. Walked while pregnant but how far along in the pregnancy?
- C. Fulfilled the Davidic Covenant: 2 Samuel 7:8-16

III. Humility

- A. Mary gave birth to her firstborn son
- B. Swaddling clothes
- C. Laid in a manger
- D. He would be a servant and not a king (yet). Matthew 20:28

IV. Message of Christmas: God uses every resource to redeem His most precious treasure: the World (you and me).