

CHRISTMAS



The Innkeeper's Christmas (Luke 2:1-7)
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I'm so busy

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At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **Luke 2:1 NLT**

(This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **Luke 2:2 NLT**

All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **Luke 2:3 NLT**

And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **Luke 2:4 NLT**

He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. **Luke 2:5 NLT**

But you, O Bethlehem... are only a small village... Yet a ruler of Israel whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf. **Micah 5:2 NLT**

Christmas was about God keeping His promises

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, **Matthew 2:1 NKJV**

saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." **Matthew 2:2 NKJV**

Genesis 3:15, Genesis 12:3, Genesis 22:18, Genesis 49:10, Numbers 24:17, Deuteronomy 18:15, Psalm 110:4, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 8:14, Isaiah 9:1-2, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 11:1, Isaiah 11:10, Isaiah 28:16, Isaiah 35:3-7, Isaiah 42:1-4, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Daniel 9:25, Joel 2:28-29, Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9, Malachi 3:1, Malachi 4:2

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **Luke 2:6 NLT**

She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. **Luke 2:7 NLT**

Some people have no room for Jesus

Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. **Revelation 3:20 NLT**

Do you have room for Jesus?

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:13 NLT**

This Week's [New Testament + Reading Plan:](#)

1. *Matthew 24*
2. *Matthew 25*
3. *Matthew 26*
4. *Matthew 27*
5. *Matthew 28*
6. *Psalm 90*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*