



Christmas Gifts

LUKE 2

¹At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

Luke 2



⁴ 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.

⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

Luke 2



⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.

⁷ 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



⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified,

Luke 2



¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.

¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

Luke 2



¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

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¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Luke 2



¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

Luke 2



¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished,
¹⁹ but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

²⁰ The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

Luke 2



¹ Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking,

² "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

Matthew 2



⁹ After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!

Matthew 2



¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2



What Gifts Did He Receive?



Mary - Her willingness to say yes...

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

LUKE 1:38

From Mary & Joseph



*Joseph - His obedience to marry Mary and his
obedience to listen to God's direction.*

When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the
Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.

MATTHEW 1:24

From Mary & Joseph



Innkeeper - His second best.

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

From Others



Shepherds - Worship & the announcement of His birth
spreading the good news.

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

LUKE 2:16&17

From Others



Shepherds - Worship & the announcement of His birth
spreading the good news.

The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and
praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was
just as the angel had told them.

LUKE 2:20

From Others



Wise men - Worship & their very best.

They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:11

From Others



What Gifts Did He Receive?



For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David.

ISAIAH 9:6&7

Our Messiah



No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

Redemption & Hope



For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

JOHN 3:13-17

Redemption & Hope



What Gifts Can We Give Him?



