

December 24, 2014

Teaching Notes

Advent 2014
Christmas Eve

Luke 2:1-5 (NLT) At 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. 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, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

NLT Luke 2:8-9 That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, 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.

Jesus comes to the _____ person.

NLT Luke 2:9b ...They were terribly frightened, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone!"

Jesus brings _____ news for _____ people.

NLT John 1:12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

NLT Luke 2:12 And this is how you will recognize him: You will find a baby lying in a manger, wrapped snugly in strips of cloth!"

NLT Luke 2:16 They ran to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

Jesus came in a most unusual _____.

Jesus is much more than just a _____ in a _____!