

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God

God Became a Man & Lived with Us

Luke 2: 6-7

Introduction: There are a few passages of Scripture that stand out as being among the most important statements in a collection of Writings that is otherwise recognized for its divine origin. Luke 2:6-7 certainly is among those passages. John takes us to the union of eternal and material when he writes, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory..." Luke, the physician, views the earthly side and tells us simply that "she [Mary] gave birth to her Son, and swaddled Him, and laid Him in a manger."

I. A Remarkable Journey

- A. Distance traveled of 70 miles thru Samaria to Bethlehem
- B. Pregnant and near delivery time
 - 1. Marriage covenant agreed upon — wife designation in Matthew
 - 2. No indication of exact time of birth — not necessarily the day of arrival
- C. Nowhere to stay; gave birth in a stable
- D. Miraculous care of God

II. A Star will Come out of Jacob

- A. Balaam's prophesy emphasized that it was not for that time, but future
- B. A great king would come from Judah
- C. The fullness of time (Galatians 4:4)
- D. The moment in time when Mary gave birth

III. A Body You Have Prepared for Me (Hebrews 10:5)

- A. The Incarnation (John 1:14)
- B. He emptied Himself and took the form of a man (Philippians 2: 7-8)
 - 1. Did not cease to be God
 - 2. Did not lose His attributes of Deity
 - 3. But laid them aside and chose not to use them
 - 4. Therefore, He lived entirely as a human being; as Adam was originally created
 - 5. Nonetheless, remained equal with God in all respects (fully Divine)
- C. Sanctified imagination: what was He like, the baby Jesus?

While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2: 6-7

*I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near;
A star shall come forth from Jacob, a scepter shall rise from Israel.*

Numbers 24:17

*But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth his son,
Galatians 4:4*

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 14

Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;"

Hebrews 10:5

But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2: 7-8

Memory Verse

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Luke 2:7 (NASB)

