

# New Song Fellowship Church

*Being and Making Disciples*

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## SERMON NOTES

# Songs For The King (Part Three)

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## The Census and the Journey to Bethlehem

Luke 2:1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

Luke 2:4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

## The Prophecy Fulfilled

(NLT) Mic 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

(NLT) Joh 1:1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

## The Birth of the Savior

Luke 2:6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Gal 4:4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law...

## The Shepherds' Visit

Luk 2:8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Mat 1:21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

## Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

(NLT) Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

(NLT) Luk 2:14 "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

## The Shepherds Respond

Luke 2:15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that

whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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## Weekly Reflection

*Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.*

1. The shepherds responded to the angel's message with immediate action--they hurried to Bethlehem to see Jesus for themselves. When you encounter God's Word or sense His leading in your life, how quickly do you respond, and what usually holds you back from moving forward in faith?
2. The announcement of Jesus's birth came first to humble shepherds, not to powerful people or important cities. What does it mean to you personally that God's greatest gift was revealed to the overlooked and ordinary, and how might that change how you see your own worth or influence?
3. Peace with God came through Jesus being born under the law and becoming our Savior--not through our own efforts or status. Where are you still trying to earn God's favor or prove yourself worthy, and what would it feel like to simply receive the peace He offers?