

Luke 2:

Theme: God humbles Himself

Philippians 2:8 (NIV)

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross!

- a. The way He came into this world: Judea rather than Rome
- b. The type of birth
 - i. Pre-marital birth (subject to doubt and ridicule)

Luke 1:26-31 (NIV)

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

- ii. Stable
 - iii. Unrecognized royalty
- c. As a baby (in diapers)
 - i. Helpless and dependant
 - ii. Weak
 - iii. A Savior in process
 - iv. A scandal to many (how can God stoop)
- d. As Lawgiver, now coming under the law
 - i. Redemption of firstborn

Luke 2:23-24 (NIV) (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

- ii. Circumcision

Luke 2:21 (NIV) On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

Humility

- a. Life not all about you
 - Conversations all about you?
 - Ask others about them?
 - Someone tells a story: respond back with yours, or pursue theirs?
 - Get your point across, or pursue them?
- b. Seeing other "causes" as important
- c. Submitting where you don't think you should have to submit
 - Galatians 4:4 (NIV) But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law...
- d. Admission of need: do you really need redemption?