



Today's Topic:

An Upside-Down World

Luke 2:1-7

December 14, 2025

1. A _____ King

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

Luke 2:1-3 (NIV, 2011)

2. A _____ King

"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. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child."

Luke 2:4-5 (NIV, 2011)

3. A _____ King

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 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." Luke 2:6-7 (NIV, 2011)

The Point

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions

1. What qualities would a good king possess?
2. Read Luke 2:1-3. How would you feel if you were one of those compelled to register in your hometown? What would motivate you to comply?
3. Read Luke 2:4-5. If you were aware that you were descended from royalty, how difficult would it be to submit to this foreign king?
4. Read Luke 2:6-7. Why would God allow His Son to be born in such a humble setting?
5. What does the manner of Jesus's birth tell us about what sort of King He is?