

## I. The Humble Birth Of The Savior (Luke 2:1-7)

### A. A Historical Decree is Sent (1-5)

1. Augustus Initiates a Decree of Taxation (1)

2. Registration For Taxes was Required by all (2-5)

a. Everyone Must Register in their Hometown (2-3)

b. Joseph and Mary Went to Register in Bethlehem (4-5)

i. He was of the line of David

ii. She was pregnant

- *Notice that God controls History (Micah 5:2) prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.*

- *God decreed Augustus' decree which would bring Joseph and Mary Home.*

- *We can rest that every detail is under His control.*

### B. A Historical Birth Takes Place (v. 6-7)

1. In Bethlehem She Gave Birth to A Son (6-7a)

2. She laid Him in a Humble Manger

a. No room in the inn

*"at about the same time Luke was writing these words, some of the Greek cities in Asia Minor adopted Caesar's birthday, September 23, as the first day of the New Year, hailing him as "savior." An inscription at Halicarnassus (birthplace of the famous Herodotus) even called him "savior of the whole world."*

*This King came with no pomp or parade.*

*Although He had everything, He chose to set aside his prerogatives for the salvation of mankind.*

*Read Phil. 2*

*We must do likewise.*