

# Inspirational words (Luke chapter 2)

week of 02.25.24

## A Savior has been born

- Joseph and Mary went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Bethlehem. They were to be there for a census that was to be taken. vv. 1-5
- When the time came for Christ's birth, there was no place for them in the inn, yet Mary bore her firstborn son, despite being in the occupied world. vv. 6-7
  - Wrapped Him in swaddling clothes (confined, humanity).
  - Laid Him in a manger (satisfied and trusting whatever God arranged).
- \* Those two signs were given to the shepherds, for them to find Him. v. 12

## Seekers found Him

- There were shepherds in the fields. v. 8
  - An angel announced to them good news of great joy, "**Today a Savior has been born to you.**"
  - He is Christ the Lord.
  - "Let us go to Bethlehem and see ... ", **a seeking heart.** v. 15
  - Seek, you shall find. The shepherds came in haste and found Him. v. 16

## Humanity and commission

- The Savior came in full humanity
  - Was circumcised according to the law. v. 21
  - Was called Jesus, the name given by the angel. v. 21
  - Was presented. vv. 23-24
  - Was adored. v. 28
  - The little child grew and was filled with wisdom and grace. v. 40
  - Heard and questioned the teachers in the temple. v. 46
- "I must be in the things of My Father." v. 49

## Our findings

- What is recorded in the "Gospel of Luke" is the completeness and perfection of His humanity.
- This book stresses the Lord as the Man-Savior based on the moral principles that apply to all men.
- We have a Savior who is both the Son of God and the Son of man. He is one hundred percent of God and one hundred percent of man, **the Man-Savior.**
- As the Man-Savior, He was born in a very significant environment.
  - At the roadside or at a crossroad - to reach people.
  - Being wrapped with swaddling clothes - confined as a man.
  - Was laid in the manger - obedient, restful and trusting in the God-arranged place.
- As a man, "... He might taste death on behalf of everything" (Heb 2:9). "For being tempted in that which He Himself has suffered; He is able to help those who are being tempted" (Heb 2:18).
- Like Him, we must be in the things of our Father.