



## CALVARY CHAPEL

### Extraordinary

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***Luke 2:1-12** At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **2** (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **4** And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **5** He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. **6** And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **7** She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. **8** That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. **9** Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, **10** but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. **11** The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! **12** And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."*

- Because of God's extraordinary love, He sent Jesus to earth to make salvation available to all people.

***Luke 2:13-16** Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." **15** When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." **16** They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.*

- God used ordinary people to share extraordinary news. Just as He used the Shepherds back then, He uses us today.

***Mark 16:15-16** "And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned."*

***Luke 2:21-24** Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived. **22** Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to*

Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. **23** The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord." **24** So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

- This Christmas allow God to bring hope and healing to your heart in a way that only He can. God loves you and understands you.

**Romans 8:38-39** "And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Luke 2:25-32** At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him **26** and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. **27** That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, **28** Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, **29** "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. **30** I have seen your salvation, **31** which you have prepared for all people. **32** He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

**Luke 2:36-38** Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. **37** Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. **38** She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

- We can rejoice in the fact that our God is a promise maker, and He is also THE PROMISE KEEPER.

**Isaiah 41:10** "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

**Matthew 2:1-2** Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, **2** "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

**Matthew 2:9-11** After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! **11** They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Our gifts and talents should be used to bring glory to God, the One who has given them to us.

***Romans 10:9** If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

- One day every knee will bow before God's extraordinary majesty and proclaim Him the God of God, and the Lord of Lords.
- Call or text **YES** to 321.574.6970 if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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