

Sunday 6 December 2020



CHRISTMAS
Jesus is the reason
for the season

Welcome

Welcome to Ampt with Ruth

Prayer

Dear Lord God, please help us to remember that at Christmas we are celebrating Jesus' birthday. We thank you for Jesus, the first and best Christmas gift. Thank you that Jesus loves us and wants to be with us today. Amen

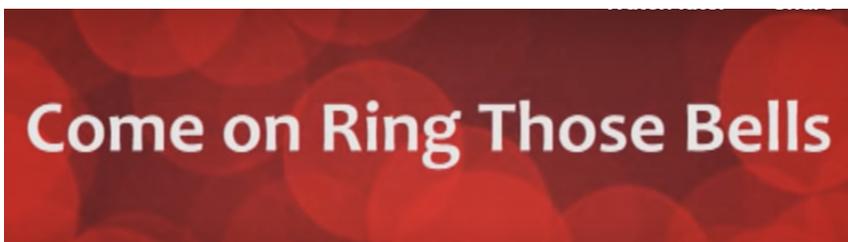
Introduction

As we read today's Bible passage we will see that Jesus was no ordinary baby! Angels came to tell of his birth several times and to say who He is and why He was coming!

He is God's only begotten Son, yet He wasn't born in a palace. When He was born, He was placed into a manger or feeding trough for animals.



Song



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d39dQhQP38A>

Bible Passage

Luke 1 An Angel Tells about the Birth of Jesus

²⁶ God sent the angel Gabriel to the town of Nazareth in Galilee ²⁷ with a message for a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to Joseph from the family of King David. ²⁸ The angel greeted Mary and said, "You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you." ³⁰ Then the angel told Mary, "Don't be afraid! God is pleased with you, ³¹ and you will have a son. His name will be Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High



³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "How can this happen? I am not married!" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come down to you, and God's power will come over you. So your child will be called the holy Son of God ³⁷ Nothing is impossible for God!" ³⁸ Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant! Let it happen as you have said." And the angel left her.

Luke 2 The Birth of Jesus

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books

³ Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. ⁴ So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in



Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

⁵ Mary was engaged to Joseph and travelled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, ⁶ and while they were there, ⁷ she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds

8 That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. 9 All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. 10 But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. 11 This very day in King David's hometown a Saviour was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. 12 You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay."



13 Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said:

14 "Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."

15 After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about." 16 They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay.



17 When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. 18 Everyone listened and was surprised. 19 But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant.

20 As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.

Matthew 2 The Wise Men

2 When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king. During this time some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."



3 When King Herod heard about this, he was worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. 4 Herod brought together the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?" 5 They told him, "He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the prophet wrote, 6 'Bethlehem in the land of Judea, you are very



important among the towns of Judea. From your town will come a leader, who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.'"

7 Herod secretly called in the wise men and asked them when they had first seen the star. 8 He told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, let me know. I want to go and worship him too."

9 The wise men listened to what the king said and then left.

And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was ¹¹ When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshiped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and gave them to him. ¹² Later they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they went back home by another road.

Application

The shepherds had dirty and tiring jobs, but God gave them a special opportunity. No one is too young or insignificant to be noticed and loved by God.

The wise men kept their eyes on the bright star, and it led them to Jesus. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus every day, by reading His Word (the Bible) and talking to Him in prayer, thanking Him for all the good things in our lives and asking for His help and guidance.

Questions

1. What was the prophecy in Micah 5:2 given around 700 hundred years before Jesus was born?
2. What did the angels tell the shepherds about Jesus?
(See Luke 2:10-14)
3. Why do we need a Saviour? (See Isaiah 53:6)



Prayer

Dear Lord God, thank you that you chose simple, lowly shepherds to be the first to visit and worship your Son, Jesus. Thank you that you care about each of us, and want us to know and love you. Amen.

YouTube Go tell it on the Mountain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsX3tYbaiIQ>



Mini Christmas Puddings

Ingredients

Chocolate royal biscuits

White chocolate melts or white chocolate chips
or white icing

Jaffa lollies, mint leaf lollies or mixed colour lollies
to cut into small red and green pieces

Method

1. Cut small pieces of red and green lollies to make the berry and leaf.
2. If using white chocolate, allow 1 chocolate melt per biscuit plus a few extras and melt in the microwave. Give 30 seconds at a time, stirring after each 30 seconds till melted.
3. Spread about a teaspoon of melted chocolate or icing onto the top of each chocolate royal and place the red and green lollies on top.



Reminder

Next Sunday 13 December is our online Families' Christmas Service. A big thank you to the many of you who contributed a video and/or your Christmas craft photos. Please watch at 10 am or later on the NBBC website.



Today is the last Ampt lesson for 2020. The Ampt teachers, Betty, Andrew and I would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas holiday season as you celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world. Thank you for watching and participating in the online lessons this year.