

Growing Deep in the Christian Life: Returning to Our Roots

Mary's Little Lamb

LUKE 2:1–20



The Heart of the Matter

No birth in history can compare to that of a baby boy who was born between 6 BC and 4 BC in the little village of Bethlehem. At that time, the Roman Empire ruled most of the known world, clutching in its powerful fist the countries of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. Very few people cared about the tiny town of Bethlehem—much less the birth of a Jewish infant named Jesus. However, God saw things differently. This small baby would grow up to one day die on a cross for the sins of all humankind. So God inspired a physician named Luke to record the facts about Jesus's birth and His purposes for coming to earth.



Discovering the Way

1. A Familiar Setting (Luke 2:1–5)

Almost everyone knows the story of Jesus's birth and how it begins: "Now in those days . . ."

2. A Miraculous Birth (Luke 2:6–7)

Luke didn't try to explain the miraculous. He just gave the facts.

3. A Series of Responses (Luke 2:8–20)

The shepherds responded to the angelic message in faith. Mary responded to the birth in wonderment.

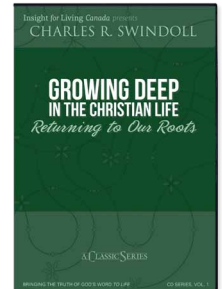


Starting Your Journey

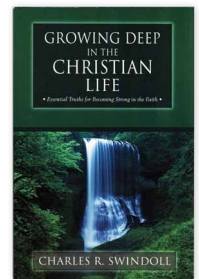
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