

GETTING CHRISTMAS RIGHT

“Then the angel said to them: Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:10-16) (NKJV)

“If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent a scientist or inventor. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist or an entrepreneur. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent a Savior.” (Anonymous)

(Nativity scene picture - link: <https://goo.gl/images/2tZ681>)

“And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.” (Luke 2:1-2) (NKJV)

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“I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.” (John 15:15) (NLT)

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“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21) (NASB)