

## ADVENT: JOY



Word: Luke 2:1-11

*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.*

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### Discussion:

1. “The Lord is Come” – Why was this good news of great joy? What does this speak about the attribute of God? (Isaiah 35:10, Luke 1:45)
2. “Receive the King” – How does one receive the King? (John 3:16, John 5:24, John 15:10-11)
3. “Heaven and Nature Sing” – How are we supposed to act as Christians in light of what the Angels and Shepherd did in Luke 2:8-20?

### Prayer Points:

1. Pray for this upcoming Christmas service as we celebrate looking back at the birth of Jesus and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.
2. Pray for opportunity to share the good news of great joy to non-believers.