A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU

Luke 2:1–20

Key Verse: 2:11

1. What does Luke tell us about the background and circumstances of Jesus’ birth? (1–7) Why are the line of David and Bethlehem important? (2Sa7:12,13; Mic5:2) What other details about his birth are unusual here? Why did God choose to send his Son into this world in this way? (Lk1:34,35; Isa53:3; 2Co8:9)
2. Who were the first people to hear about the birth of Jesus? (8; cf. 1:52) How did they respond to the angel, and why? (9) How did the angel comfort them? (10) What was the main content of his message? (11) What sign did he give them to prove that this good news was true? (12)
3. Read verse 11 again. What three titles of Jesus can we find here? What does the word “Savior” mean? (See also 1:69,71,74) What does his being our Savior ultimately mean to us? (Mt1:21; Jn1:29; 3:16; 15:13) What does it mean that he’s our “Messiah”? (e.g. Jn4: 13–14,25–26; Mt12:21) Our “Lord”? (Ac2:33–36)
4. What else happened? (13,14) Why is Jesus’ birth “glory to God in the highest heaven”? Why does it also bring “peace” on earth? (see also 1:79)
5. What did the shepherds do, and what can we learn from them? (15–18,20) What did Mary do? (19; see also verse 51) What can we learn from their responses about how to experience the real meaning of Christmas?