

# **Angels & Advent Day 8**

## **The Birth of Jesus: Christmas**

**Reading: Luke 2:1-7**





## Luke 2:1-7:

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus\* that the whole world should be enrolled.

2This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

3So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

4And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,<sup>a</sup>

5to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.<sup>b</sup>

6While they were there, the time came for her to have her child,

7and she gave birth to her firstborn son.\* She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.<sup>c</sup>

# Reflect:

“There was no room in the inn.” However, there was room in the stable. The inn was the gathering place of public opinion, the focal point of the world’s moods, the rendezvous of the worldly, the rallying place of the popular and the successful. But there was no room in the place where the world gathers. The stable is a place for outcasts, the ignored and forgotten. The world might have expected the Son of God to be born in a palace maybe an inn; but a stable would certainly be the last place in the world where one would look for Him.

**The lesson is:** Divinity is always where you least expect to find it. So the Son of God-made Man is invited to enter His own Kingdom through the back door.

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