

# When God Became Human

## Christmas Blessings – Part 5

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*Philippians 2:6-7 (ESV) though he [Jesus] was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*

*1 John 3:8b (ESV) The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

*1 Corinthians 15:53 (ESV) For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.*

### 1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ one of us

*Luke 2:1,3 (ESV) In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ... And all went to be registered, each to his own town.*

*Luke 2:4-5 (ESV) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.*

*Luke 2:6-7 (ESV) And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ invaded earth

*Luke 2:8-9 (ESV) And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.*

*Luke 2:10-11 (ESV) And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

*Luke 2:12-14 (ESV) And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and 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 among those with whom he is pleased!"*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ is our proper response

*Luke 2:15-16 (ESV) When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.*

*Luke 2:17-18 (ESV) And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.*

*Luke 2:19-20 (ESV) But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

## Weekly Healing Scripture

*John 16:24 (ESV) Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

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Intro. What are the implications of Jesus laying down His divine powers and living life on earth as a Spirit-filled human (Philippians 2:6-7)?

How did Jesus destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8)?

How will we as believers become like Jesus when He returns (1 Corinthians 15:53)?

1A. In what ways did God use government decrees in His plan for Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1-3)?

1B. Why was it significant that Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Luke 2:4-5)?

1C. What can we learn from Jesus about His birth in a manger (Luke 2:6-7)?

1D. How does the incarnation of Jesus give us an example to reach others for Him?

2A. Why do you think that the angels appeared to shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:8-9)?

2B. Explain what each of the three titles that the angel gave Jesus mean (Luke 2:10-11).

2C. According to Luke 2:12-14, whom did Jesus come to earth to bring peace to?

2D. How can you have more of God's peace in your life?

3A. What do you think prompted the shepherds to go and find Jesus in the manger (Luke 2:15-16)?

3B. What does the example of the shepherds telling everyone about Jesus teach us (Luke 2:17-18)?

3C. Why did Mary treasure the words of the shepherds in her heart (Luke 2:19-20)?

3D. What are some ways that you could grow in worship during the week and on Sunday?