



A SOVEREIGN DECREE | LUKE 2:1-7
Doug Sachtleben, Lead Pastor
December 17, 2017

This is the first of a three-part series from Luke 2:1-20, seeing in the birth of Jesus Christ, God moving people away from fear and toward a place of peace and worship.

Introduction and Historical Background (2:1-7)

1. God's Might (2:1-2)

2. God's Wisdom (2:3-5)

3. God's Humility (2:6-7)

Questions to Consider

1. Can you think of a recent time when you acted impulsively or irrationally out of fear?
2. Read John 14:25-31. It's not unusual to hear people quote part of v. 27, but, keeping that exhortation in context, who should not be afraid and why?
3. What are some ways that the details in Luke 2:1-3 fit within historical records apart from the Bible?
4. What do we know about how the decree of the Roman Emperor fit into the decree of God? Are there circumstances you're facing today that could cause anxiety? How should the fact of God's rule affect your thinking in that area?
5. Is there an application of this passage to the political world we live in today?
6. What is the significance of Bethlehem and the line of David to the birth of Jesus Christ?
7. With hindsight, can you describe a time of difficult circumstances when God was at work for your good and His glory, even though it was hard to see what God was doing in the moment?