

- Dec. 1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.
- Dec. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.
- Dec. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.
- Dec. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,
- Dec. 5 Because he was of the house and lineage of David,
- Dec. 6 To be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.
- Dec. 7 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.
- Dec. 8 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths,

- Dec. 9 And laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
- Dec. 10 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- Dec. 11 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.
- Dec. 12 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.
- Dec. 13 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
- Dec. 14 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."
- Dec. 15 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying.
- Dec. 16 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

- Dec. 17 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven,
- Dec. 18 that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem
- Dec. 19 and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."
- Dec. 20 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.
- Dec. 21 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.
- Dec. 22 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
- Dec. 23 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.
- Dec. 24 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.