

“THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR”

1. What two positive qualities about your dad come to mind as you recall your childhood?

2. How would you feel in Joseph's place in verse 19? In verses 20-21? What would you say to family and friends? To God?

3. What reason does Matthew give as to why Jesus was born (v.21)?

4. Apart from fulfilling prophecy, why was Jesus' virgin birth necessary?

5. How have you experienced Jesus as "Immanuel" in your life lately?

6. What do you learn about faith from Joseph?

7. In light of the promises of 1:30-35, how might Mary feel as she awaits delivery in that home? How does this tie in to God's plan (Mic 5:2)?

8. What does this story say about God's control of political affairs and "closed doors"?

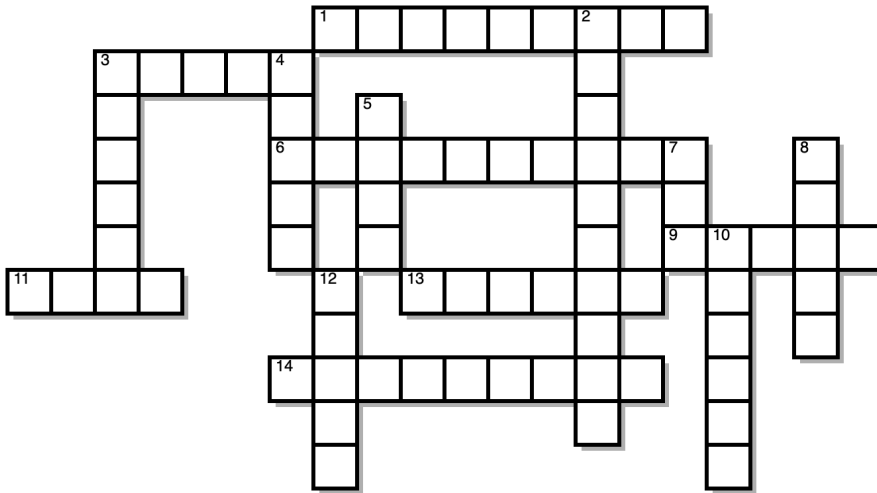
9. How did God take your "hopeless situation" and use it for good? What does that teach you?

10. How does the shepherds' experience with the angels compare to that of Zechariah (1:8-9) and Mary (1:26-27)?

11. Of all the people the angels could have visited, why did God send them to the shepherds? How does that relate to Mary's song (1:46-55)?

12. How might Mary ponder the events of Luke 1-2 (really her story)?

13. God appeared to Zechariah, Mary, and the shepherds when they were just doing their jobs, being themselves. What does that imply about what it means to be spiritual? How has God spoken to you in the ordinary flow of life?



ACROSS

- 1 "Now there were in the same country, _____ living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night." LUKE 2:8
- 3 "This census first took place while Quirinius was governing _____." LUKE 2:2
- 6 "Then the shepherds returned, _____ and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them." LUKE 2:20
- 9 "...because he was of the house and lineage of _____." LUKE 2:4
- 11 "...to be registered with _____, his betrothed wife, who was with child." LUKE 2:5
- 13 "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a _____." LUKE 2:12
- 14 "Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called _____..." LUKE 2:4

DOWN

- 2 "And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be _____." LUKE 2:1
- 3 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a _____, who is Christ the Lord." LUKE 2:11
- 4 "And behold, an _____ of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid." LUKE 2:9
- 5 "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the _____ has made known to us." LUKE 2:15
- 7 "Glory to _____ in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" LUKE 2:14
- 8 "Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this _____." LUKE 2:17
- 10 "Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be _____, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.'" LUKE 2:10
- 12 "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the _____ room." LUKE 2:7

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