

JESUS, THE SAVIOR KING (I)

Luke 2:1-14

Key Verses: 2:10,11 "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'"

1. What do verses 1-7 teach about the times when Jesus was born? (What do you know about the Roman Empire, Caesar Augustus, etc.) What does this event reveal about the suffering of colonial people?
2. Describe the beauty and sorrow of the scene of the birth of Jesus. What does "there was no room in the inn" tell us about the people of that time? How have people past and present tried and failed to make the world better?
3. Why do men need a Savior from sin? Who is Jesus that he can be our Savior? (Jn 1:3) How does his birth in such fatalistic circumstances make him better able to be our Savior?
4. How did sin come into the human race? What are sin's consequences? (Ro 6:23a; Heb 9:27; 1Co 15:32) How did Jesus help a lonely, fatalistic tax collector? (Lk 5:27,28) Think of others he also helped.
5. How can Jesus rescue those pierced by the horn of Satan ("horn" represents power)? And those living in darkness? (Lk 1:69,78,79) Who is Jesus (Lk 1:32b,33), and what did he do about our sin problem? What does he give us? (Jn 3:16; Lk 9:25; Mk 10:45; Da 2:44-45; 2Ti 2:12)