

THE Story

Lesson 3 Chapter 22 The Birth of the King (Pt 3) p.312-313

1. The middle paragraph on p.312 makes reference to the decree issued by Caesar Augustus. What implications can we discern about the world into which Jesus came?

How do these verses illustrate the truth that God controls all human affairs, effecting His own purposes through the free actions of men?

(Check out Micah 5:2)

2. After reviewing the map on page 306, try imagining what that trip from Nazareth must have been like.

What do you think Joseph's experience was like?

What do you think Mary's experience was like?

3. Luke gives us few details about Jesus' birth. But what impressions does he leave that are especially meaningful to you?

4. Of all the people the angels could have visited, why do you think God sent them to a group of shepherds?

5. How was the shepherd's experience with the angels similar to and different from Mary and Joseph's?

6. How would you have felt if you had been there when the angels suddenly appeared in the night sky?

7. What did the angel's message and the rejoicing of the heavenly host say about the importance God put on the birth of His Son?

What do you think the "good news" shared by the angels meant to the shepherds?

8. How is the shepherds' response after the angels left and after they left the manger scene an example to us?

9. In the middle paragraph on page 313, we are told by Luke that "Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."

What "things" do you think she treasured up and pondered?

How do you think Luke knew this?

What does this mean for your understanding of Luke's narrative of the birth of Jesus?

10. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace