

# Luke 2: 1 – 7 Advent – Homeless by decree

Advent a time to remember:

- In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree – The birth of Jesus was real. Real history.
- The world was drawn into the birth of God's son – God is interested and involved in world affairs.
- The history of the Old Testament is being fulfilled. Gabriel's announcement takes an unexpected turn. Nazareth to Bethlehem.
- Faith – includes the unknown, the unexpected and at times the unwanted.
- The world was unprepared for the Saviour – No room was made available for the King of Kings!
- She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger – A mother's love. The love for God. The love that chose to accept the cost and discomfort.

Advent a time for reflection

- What do I hold on to that restricts God's work in my life?
- Do I live just for today or do I still hold an eternal perspective?
- What would it take for me to give up my comfort and security to obey God?
- Does my faith allow me to step into the unknown, unexpected and the unwanted?

Advent a time to re-affirm

- My trust in God's sovereign power
- My willingness to allow Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour
- Our willingness to walk in step with Jesus.

## Digging Deeper

Read Luke 1: 26 – 38

1. What had happened in Mary's recent life before the angel appeared to her?
2. What took place in Luke 2: 1 – 7 that the angel did not tell her?
3. Why doesn't the angel reveal the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth and what can we learn from this that will help us through life?

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