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## **A Christmas Reflection**

**Jesus Challenges Our Very Existence.**

**Jesus Set The Standard By The Way He Lived.**

**Luke 2:1-7** - *At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. <sup>4</sup> And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. <sup>5</sup> He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. <sup>7</sup> She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.*

### **1. It's About Ordinary People Like You And Me.**

**Luke 2:10** - *the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.*

### **2. Perfect Conditions Aren't Required For A Miracle.**

**In The Midst Of Chaos And Confusion, God Had His Way**

### **3. God's With Us In Our Difficult Circumstances.**

**Luke 1:38** - *Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.*

**Matthew 1:24** - *When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.*

### **4. Complications Don't Prevent God's Provisions.**

**Matthew 2:11** - *They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

**Deuteronomy 28:6** - *You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. NIV*

## **5. God Is Faithful To His Promises.**

**2 Corinthians 1:20** - *For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.*

**Christmas Challenges, Gives, And Sets The Standard For Everything God Desires For Us**