

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. *Luke 2:1-2*

- ◆ The birth of Jesus is rooted in _____.
- ◆ _____: creator; son of god; savior; prince of peace.
- ◆ Jesus did _____ come as an emperor with worldly power, but He is the _____ of kings and _____ of lords. 1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14, 19:16

And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. *Luke 2:3-5*

- ◆ God used Augustus' census to fulfill ancient _____. Mic. 5:2
- ◆ God has a history of _____ evil in the world to bring about His good and perfect _____. Gen. 3, 50:20

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. *Luke 2:6-7*

- ◆ Kataluma = _____ (probably of a family member). Lk. 22:11
- ◆ The radical _____ of the owner of the guest room revealed the _____ of God. Lev 19:33-34; Mt. 25:34-40; Lk. 10:25-37; 1 Pet. 4:8-9
- ◆ The birth story reveals the _____ nature of the Savior King.
- ◆ Swaddling cloths were used to wrap up _____.
- ◆ Jesus is the perfect _____ of God, without blemish, sent to be a _____ for our sin. 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Heb. 10:10, 14
- ◆ The guest room _____ is open because _____ is invited to see Jesus. Mt. 11:28-30; John 10:9-16; Melchers "The Nativity"