

Sovereign Obscurity - Luke 2:1-7

Isa 9:6-7 2Sa 7:12-13 Psa 45:6-7 Heb 1:8-9 Psa 68:18 Isa 55:8-9

- I. R_____ 's obedience in God's sovereignty - **Luk 2:1**
- A. What days?
 - B. C_____ Augustus - the most damning accomplishment of his reign was the religious w_____ - of the:
 - C. All the world should be taxed
 - D. "Taxed" (r_____)
 - E. Cyrenius (Quirinius) - **Luk 2:2-3**
 - F. All went, every one, to be taxed in own city
- II. J_____ 's obedience in God's sovereignty - **Luk 2:4**
- A. He went up out of Nazareth, John 1:46: Essentially, Joseph and Mary were n_____ from a town famous for good for n_____.
 - B. Bethlehem "city of David"
 - 1. P_____ : Mic 5:2
 - 2. K_____ by the scribes and chief priests: Mat 2:3-6
 - 3. U_____ by the common people: Joh 7:40-42
 - C. House and lineage of David - to Bethlehem, a rough and dangerous, steadily uphill, journey of about ___ mi.
 - D. With that established we are faced with a great paradox. - **Luk 2:5**
Were they married or betrothed? Mat 1:24-25,
 - E. But, why is Mary along in the first place:
 - 1. There are perhaps legal or administrative reasons that she too would have needed to r_____:
 - 2. What was seen by friends and family produced a sense of awkwardness & s_____
 - 3. F_____ of prophesy (Micah)
- III. M_____ 's obedience in God's sovereignty - **Luk 2:6**
- A. All things were unfolding in perfect conformity to the w_____ of God
 - B. "Firstborn" - **Luk 2:7** Luke carefully chooses the word "firstborn" and not "only son" Matt 12:46-47; 13:55-56; John 2:12'; 7:3,5,10.
 - C. She...brought forth her firstborn son, Galatians 4 Lk 1:58 -
 - D. No room in the inn - Luke 22:11
- IV. Application:
- A. Be c_____ to be obscure but strive to be f_____ - 2Co 12:9-10 1Co 1:26-31
 - B. Walk in o_____ to the sovereignty of G_____ - Eph 2:10
- Illustration of the big picture principle: - Gal 4:4 Fullness of Time - plērōma:

And this would be his purpose: Gal 4:5-7