

SERMON NOTE: The Saviour Came To Us

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Bible Ref: Luke 2:1-18 NIV

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 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. 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. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in

the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

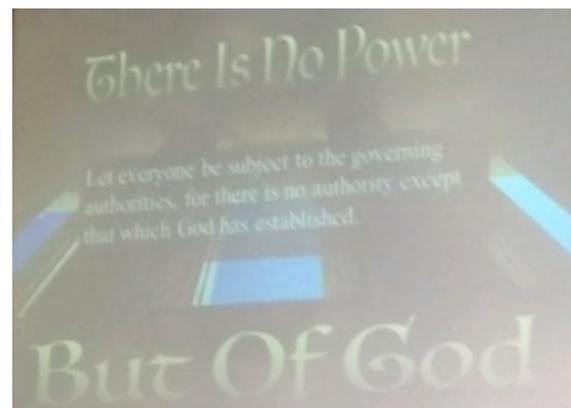
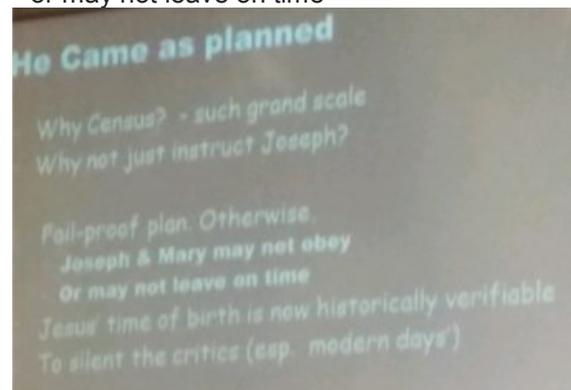
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Christmas is a about gift, not the gifts of Santa but the GIFT of GOD to us-The LORD JESUS CHRIST

HE came as planned
A Census, a Decree by Caesar.
People including Joseph and Mary travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem

Why GOD use census? Such a grand scale
Why not just instruct Joseph?

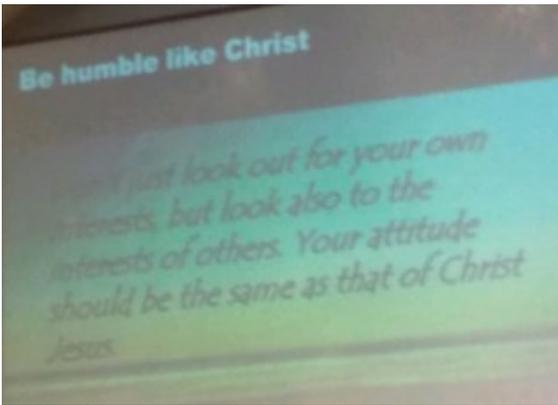
Failed proof plan, otherwise
* Joseph and Mary may not obey
* or may not leave on time



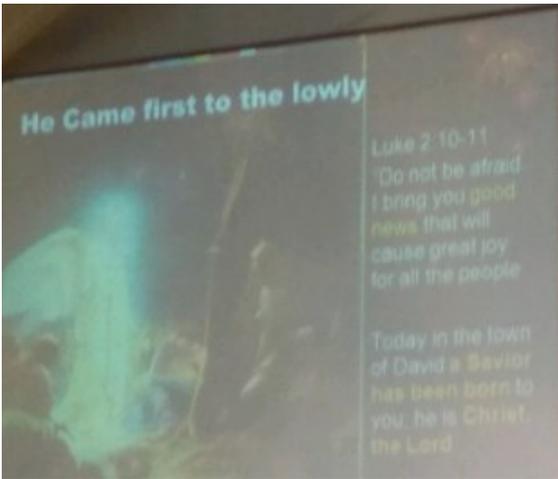
We may always failed in obeying GOD
BUT we can pray
Come together and pray.

The Saviour came
Not as a King or powerful Commander or general,
but humble, just lowly in a stable, laid in a manger.
Not even a guest room or store room. May have
smell of animal or even dung.
HE really emptied HIMSELF.

So HIS suffering in obedient started from very beginning as a baby.

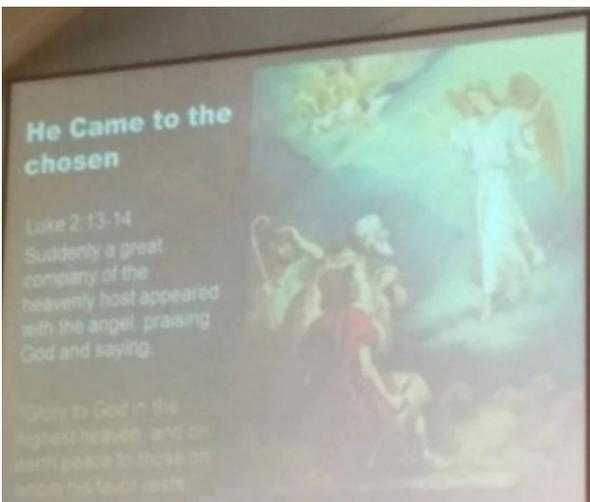


When we are successful, well to do, high up in position and comfortable, we became difficult to see our understand the situation and of those who are suffering.

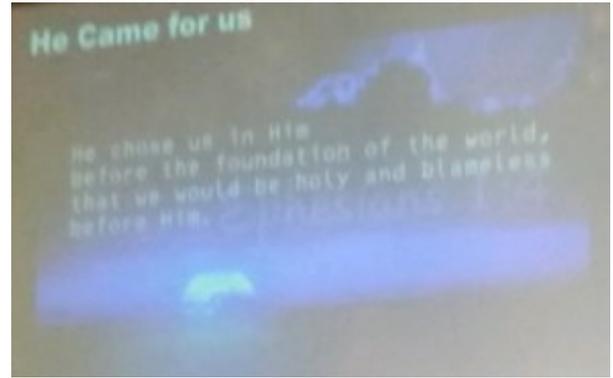


*According to what is described in Bible, JESUS most likely was not born in Winter Dec 25, because don't think the shepherds will be out in the field in a winter night...

HE came to save - HE came to give HIMSELF up to die for us on the cross for us.



HE came for us



What is CHRISTMAS to us after understanding why do we celebrate Christmas?

GOD has HIS way and reason in making used of situation which can be most unexpected or abnormal to execute HIS plan and do HIS will.

