

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY WITH SONGS

**Introduction:** There need be no apology for repeating this ageless story, filled with prophecies that became fulfilled, over and over again. There is no single most important event in human history. The Christmas story turned the world around and continues to be the most favorite story of all ages. However, what if there had been no birth of Jesus? What would be missing? Sadly, thousands have to worship Christmas in secret. Here is the Biblical account of the birth of Christ accompanied with hymns that also describe that most wonderful event.

### 1. Luke 2:1-3

#### THE DECREE

- An order went out from Caesar Augustus and Quiryrenius, Governor, that everyone was to return to their birthplace and register.

### 2. Luke 2:4-5

#### THE JOURNEY

- From Nazareth to Bethlehem was about 90 miles and usually traveled by foot.
- An Angel announced to Mary and then Mary told Elizabeth and Zachariah, a priest.
- An Angel told Joseph of what God was doing and a Savior was coming through Mary.

### 3. Luke 2:6-7

#### THE BIRTH

- Bethlehem was overcrowded, due to the ordered census.
- Joseph searched for a room all day but finally at dark, only a stable was found.
- The world's greatest event was about to happen and nobody even knew!
  - What if there had been no birth? No cross? No resurrection? No ascension?  
No eternal life available?
- The Christian's victory and hope are tied up in this birth.
- Song - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
- Song - "Silent Night"

### 4. Luke 2:8-14

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENT

- Song - "Angels From the Realms of Glory"
- Song - "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks"
  - Imagine how these shepherds were affected by the appearance of the Angels and the message that was given - "The Messiah had come!"
- Song - "Away in A Manger"
  - Jesus, the Messiah, was born in a manger, a stable.

## 5. Matthew 2:1-2; 9-12

### THE WISE MEN CAME

#### - Song - "We Three Kings"

- The men found the young child and gave gifts of gold, frankincense and Myrr.
- They left, going a different way as not to reveal to King Herod the location of the child.
- When the men did not return to tell King Herod about the child, he became angry and ordered all male babies under two years old to be killed.

#### CONCLUSION:

1. God does nothing by chance.
2. Through the centuries God had revealed certain details concerning the coming of the Messiah called prophecies.
3. Jesus says He is coming again to receive His own to Himself for He came "*..to seek and to save.*"
4. Christmas is all about God's prophecies fulfilled concerning the Messiah.
5. Don't let anything crowd out the real meaning of Christmas in your own life.