

**Title: Details Details – Luke 2 1-7**

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Read:

<sup>1-5</sup>About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant. <sup>6-7</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

Think:

So we all know about this passage, we know about the donkey journey and we know about the fact that there was no room at the inn. So what does that matter? Jesus could have been born anywhere, in any house, in any family. It matters because that statement is not true. The Jesus Messiah had to be born in the family of David. David The guy who beat Goliath was told by God that Jesus would build a house for God. Not only that David was told that Jesus would be one of his descendents. Also another wise guy in the Old testament called Micah said that this Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Ok so a couple of guys said Jesus would be born in the family of David and come from Bethlehem so what! It's important because it means that you don't follow a con artist, you don't follow a nice guy, you don't follow some bloke who happened to say he was Gods Son. You follow the Son of God who proved these predictions and many more to be true. It matters because God's interested in details, he was interested in the details about his own son, and he interested in the details about you.

Pray:

Lord I thank you that you are interested in every little detail about me. Thank you that you took the time to give us the details about Jesus before he was born. Amen.

Action:

Details, details. So God knows and is interested in all the little details about you. How about you find out some new details about your God? Why not ask five people today the one thing they find great about God. Bye.