Fourth Sunday of Advent 2024 "The Historic Birth of Our Savior" Text: Luke 2:1-21

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I. Introduction – "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"
II. Things that stand out in the birth narrative of Jesus
1. The decree of Caesar (v. 1)
2. The deiter of Cherist (c. 11)
2. The deity of Christ (v. 11)
3. The declaration of the angels (vs. 13-14)
4. The duty of man (v. 14)
5. The demonstration of the shepherds
a. They glorified and praised God (v. 20)
b. They spoke to people (vs. 17-18)

IV. Conclusion – "What is Christmas about, anyway?"

QUOTES

## 1. Kent Hughes:

The baby Mary carried was not a Caesar, a man who would [declare himself] a god, but a far greater wonder—the true God who had become a man!

## 2. John Milton:

The helmed cherubim
And sworded seraphim,
In glittering ranks with wings displayed....
The stars with deep amaze
Stand fixed in steadfast gaze.

## 3. George Whitfield:

Did Jesus come into the world to save us from death, and shall we spend no part of our time in conversing about our dear Jesus; shall we pay no regard to the birth of Him who came to redeem us from the worst of slavery, from that of sin, and the devil; and shall this Jesus not only be born on our account, but likewise die in our stead, and yet shall we be unmindful of Him? Shall we spend our time in those things which are offensive to Him? Shall we not rather do all we can to promote His glory and act according to His command?

## **SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

- Jonah 2:9; Ps. 27:1; Ps. 62; Is. 12:2; Rev. 7:10
- Rom. 11:36; 2 Pet. 3:18; Heb. 13:20-21; Rev. 1:5b-6
- 1 Cor. 10:31; Ps. 29:2
- Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 4:13; 1 Pet. 3:15; Acts 2:34-36
- Luke 1:46-55