

# An ‘Inn-Hospitable’ Birth Christmas 2020

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**Key Truth:** Christmas reminds us that even the most inhospitable circumstances cannot diminish the glory of Christ’s arrival.

There’s something glorious and profound about the Christmas Story. That God’s Son should be born through the humblest, yet most miraculous of means and would live his life that same way. The story of Christmas enables us to identify with the Christ, our Creator, who came to earth as a helpless Infant. It reminds us that light and goodness still exist in our world, even though we see so much darkness and evil all around us. It also reminds us that the highest of the high is willing to reach down to the lowest of the low.

## ***DISCUSS***

Read **Luke 2:1-7** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on **An ‘Inn-Hospitable’ Birth**.

## ***DIG IN***

### 1. “Inn-Convenient” (Luke 2:1-3)

To say Joseph and Mary were inconvenienced is an understatement. They were forced to leave their hometown to go to Bethlehem for the sake of a census. Why was this important in the Christmas Story? What does their compliance with this decree teach us today?

Why do you think it was necessary that Mary travel with Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem?

### 2. “Inn-Significant” (Luke 2:4-5)

**Read Micah 5:2:** Describe why Bethlehem would have been so insignificant among the clans of Judah. What did God do to add value to this little town? What does that teach us today about how God defines significance?

Why do you think it is important that Luke describes Bethlehem as “the city of David?”

Why did Joseph travel to Bethlehem in the first place (see v. 4)? What does this say about Jesus?

### 3. “Inn-Glorious” (Luke 2:5-7)

**Read Luke 22:11-12:** Describe what this Inn might have been like.

From what you read in verse 7, why might Jesus’ birth have been inglorious? In what ways was it glorious?

## ***DO***

In what practical ways might these seven verses help you to live for Christ’s glory in the midst of inhospitable circumstances?