



Our Christmas Gift

Luke 2:1-7

God made elaborate preparations for our Christmas Gift. vv. 1-7a

Advance Planning:

- A king's decree
- A royal family

Element of Surprise:

- A virgin mother

A Perfect Fit:

- Enduring
- Practical

Will you make room or miss our Christmas Gift?

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1) Read Micah 5:2. What is the significance of August's decree in light of this Old Testament prophecy? What does this say about the reliability of God's Word?
- 2) Read 2 Samuel 7:4-16. What is the significance of Joseph being in the line of David? What are some other examples of God preparing the way for the coming of Jesus?
- 3) It appears that no one was hostile to the birth of Jesus. They were just distracted. How do you think Joseph and Mary felt on the night Jesus was born?
- 4) How does Jesus fit into your life? What "loves" compete for first place in your life? How can you prepare to receive Jesus?



Memory Verse

Luke 2:7

"And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."