

# **The First Christmas**

Luke 2:1-20  
(Christmas 2023)

**Intro:** the many misconceptions about the birth of Jesus

## **I. The Historical Background vv. 1-3**

## **II. The Journey to Bethlehem vv. 4-5**

## **III. The Birth of Baby Jesus vv. 6-7**

A. Jesus was Mary's first (Matt. 13:54-56)

B. Jesus was wrapped in swaddling cloths

C. Jesus was placed in a manger  
a. Where was the manger?

b. What was the inn?

## **IV. The Angelic Appearance vv. 8-14**

A. The shepherds were watching their flocks

B. The first angel was joined by a multitude

## **V. The Response of the Shepherds vv. 15-20**

A. They went to Bethlehem to see

B. They widely proclaimed the story

C. Mary pondered these things in her heart

D. They returned, glorifying and praising God

**Conclusion:** Does this story fill us with great joy?