

# Johnny Cash Reads The Bible: Luke Chapter 2

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And it came to pass, in those days, that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be registered.

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

2 (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

So all went to be registered, everyone to his own City.

3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the City of David which is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David to be registered with Mary his betrothed wife who was with child.

4 And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. 5 He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.

And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

7 She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Now there were in the same country, Shepherds living out in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night.

8 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

And behold an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were greatly afraid.

9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified,

Then the angel said to them, do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.

For there is born to you this day, in the city of David, a savior who is Christ the Lord.

11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

And this will be the sign to you: you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

And suddenly, there was with the angel a

13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God

multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“glory to God in the highest and on earth peace goodwill toward men.”

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass which the Lord has made known to us.”

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen him, they made widely-known the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen as it was told him.

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the child his name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Now in the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses were completed they brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as it is written in the law of the Lord:

every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel.

and saying,

14 “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16 They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

17 After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

18 All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished,

19 but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.

20 The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

21 Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived.

22 Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

23 The law of the Lord says, “If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the LORD.”

24 So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—“either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

25 At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.

And the Holy Spirit was upon him, and it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

So he came by the spirit, into the temple and when the parents brought in the child, Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said

“Lord now you are letting your servant depart in peace according to your word,

for my eyes have seen your salvation

which you have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.”

And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him.

Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother, “behold this child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign which will be spoken against, yes the sword will pierce through your own soul also that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity.

And this woman was a widow of about 84 years who did not depart from the temple but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

And coming in that instant, she gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem so when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord they returned to Galilee to their own city, Nazareth.

The Holy Spirit was upon him 26 and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

27 That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required,

28 Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

29 “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.

30 I have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared for all people.

32 He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

33 Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. 35 As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”

36 Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years.

37 Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer.

38 She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

39 When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the

And the child grew and became strong in spirit filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon him.

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover and when he was twelve years old they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.

When they had finished the days, as they returned, the boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem.

And Joseph and his mother did not know it, but supposing him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey and sought him among their relatives and acquaintances.

So when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem seeking Him.

Now, so it was, that after three days, they found him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers both listening to them and asking them questions.

And all who heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers so when they saw him, they were amazed.

And his mother said to him "son why have you done this to us? Look your father and I have sought you anxiously."

And he said to them "why did you seek me, did you not know that I must be about my father's business"

But they did not understand the statement which he spoke to them.

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject to them.

But his mother kept all these things in her heart.

requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee.

40 There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. 42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual.

43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.

His parents didn't miss him at first, 44 because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

45 When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there.

46 Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions.

47 All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

49 "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"[d]

50 But they didn't understand what he meant.

51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.

And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and  
in favor with God and men

52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in  
favor with God and all the people.