

# Notes & Quotes – December 20, 2009

## It's Time to Be Amazed

### Luke 2

Luke 2:1-20

- 1 *In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.*
- 2 *(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)*
- 3 *And everyone went to his own town to register.*
- 4 *So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.*
- 5 *He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.*
- 6 *While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,*
- 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.*
- 8 *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.*
- 9 *An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*
- 10 *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*
- 11 *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.*
- 12 *This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*
- 13 *Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*
- 14 *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*
- 15 *When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."*
- 16 *So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.*
- 17 *When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,*
- 18 *and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.*
- 19 *But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*
- 20 *The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

When you meet Jesus...you talk about Him (v. 17) and you worship Him (v. 20)

#### **Psalm 115 – you become like what you worship**

- worship accomplishments & achievements... become driven & controlling
- worship money & wealth... become greedy
- worship approval & affirmation...become a people-pleaser
- worship comfort & ease... become lazy, slothful
- worship self... become saturated with hyphenated sins  
(self-promotion, self-defense, self-righteous, self-love, self- \_\_\_\_\_)

Those who are genuinely worshipping Jesus will become like Him in character.

**“So, people came to him. My, how they came to him! They came at night; they touched him as he walked down the street; they followed him around the sea; they invited him into their homes and place their children at his feet. Why? Because he refused to be a statue in a cathedral or a priest in an elevated pulpit. He chose instead to be Jesus.**

**There is not a hint of one person who was afraid to draw near him. There were those who mocked him. There were those who were envious of him. There were those who misunderstood him. There were those who revered him. But there was not one person who considered him too holy, too divine, or too celestial to touch. There was not one person who was reluctant to approach him for fear of being rejected...Remember. It's man who creates the distance. It is Jesus who builds the bridge.”**

**– Max Lucado**