

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Biblical Basis of Christmas Carols: Away in a Manger”

Luke 2:1-7

I. THE PREPARATION FOR THE MANGER (vv.1-2)

Micah 5:2, “But thou, Bethlehem, Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting”

Luke 1:25-26, “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, and of the house of David and the virgins name was Mary”

A. God used Caesar (v.1a)

B. God used the census (v.1b)

C. God used Cyrenius (v.2)

II. THE PEOPLE AT THE MANGER (vv.3-5)

A. The man named Joseph (vv.3-4)

B. The mother named Mary (v.5)

III. THE PROCLAMATION AT THE MANGER (vv.6-7)

A. There was a delivery (vv.6-7a)

Galatians 4:4, “But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son”

Matthew 4:17, “From that time Jesus began to preach”

John 7:8, “I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come”

Matthew 26:18, “My time is at hand”

B. There was a denial (v.7b)