

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Life of Jesus

LESSON CALENDAR: FIRST QUARTER

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| 1. January 7..... | The Birth of Jesus. Luke 2: 1-16. |
| 2. January 14..... | The Child Jesus Visits Jerusalem. Luke 2: 41-52. |
| 3. January 21..... | The Preaching of John the Baptist. Luke 3: 1-17. |
| 4. January 28..... | The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus. Matt. 3: 13-4: 11. |
| 5. February 4..... | The First Disciples of Jesus. John 1: 35-46. |
| 6. February 11..... | Jesus and Nicodemus. John 3: 1-18. |
| 7. February 18..... | Jesus at Jacob's Well. John 4: 5-26. |
| 8. February 25..... | Jesus Rejected at Nazareth. Luke 4: 16-30. |
| 9. March 4..... | Jesus Healing in Capernaum. Mark 1: 21-34. |
| 10. March 11..... | The Paralytic Healed. Mark 2: 1-12. |
| 11. March 18..... | Jesus at Matthew's House. Mark 2: 13-22. |
| 12. March 25..... | REVIEW. |

LESSON I.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

January 7, 1900

Luke 2: 1-16. Commit to memory vs. 8-11. Read Luke 1; Matt. 1; John 1: 1-18.

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyreni-
us was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of ¹ Beth-
lehem, which is called Beth'lehem; (because he was of the house and ² lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

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

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Beth'lehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

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

Revised Version—1 Now; 2 Enrolled; 3 This was the first enrolment made when Quirinus was: 4 Enrol themselves; 5 Family; 6 To enrol himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him; 7 And it came to pass; 8 Fulfilled; 9 Margin, Night watches over their flock; 10 And an angel of the Lord stood by them. 11 Be not afraid; 12 Is; 13 The babe; 14 And lying; 15 Peace among men in whom he is well pleased; 16 When the angels went away from them; 17 Both.

GOLDEN TEXT

Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1: 21.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Luke 2: 1-9. The birth of T.—Luke 2: 10-21. Jesus.

W.—Luke 2: 25-35. Simeon's prophesy.

Th.—Luke 1: 46-55. Mary's thanksgiving.

F.—Heb. 1: 1-9. The Divine Word.

S.—John 1: 1-14. Divinity and humanity.

S.—1 John 4: 7-14. The Savior.

TIME AND PLACE

In the emperorship of Augustus, December, B.C. 5, an error of four years having crept into the reckoning of the beginning of the Christian era. Bethlehem in Judæa was the birthplace of our Lord, although the home of His parents was at Nazareth in Galilee.

CATECHISM

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

LESSON HYMN

88 (Ps. Sel.), 555, 28, 320, 178.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Babe Born, 1-7.

At Bethlehem, in Judæa, whither Joseph and Mary had gone to be enrolled, because they were of David's line. The new-born babe was laid in a manger.

II. What the Angels Said, 8-14.

They announced the birth of the babe to the shepherds on the hill-tops near by; a message of good tidings of great joy and then a hymn of praise to God.

III. What the Shepherds Did, 15, 16.

They went to Bethlehem to see what had come to pass, and found it even as the angels had said.

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