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- A. Right place for Christ's birth (2:1-5)
  Luke 2:1-5
- 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
- 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius 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 Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

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B. Right time for Christ's birth (2:6)

**Luke 2:6** 

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





A. In humility

**Luke 2:7** 

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.

B. In obscurity
Philippians 2:7
But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

C. In observance

**Luke 2:16** 

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

**Matthew 11:28** 

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

# III. Consider The Singleness Of Christ's Life

**John 6:38** 

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

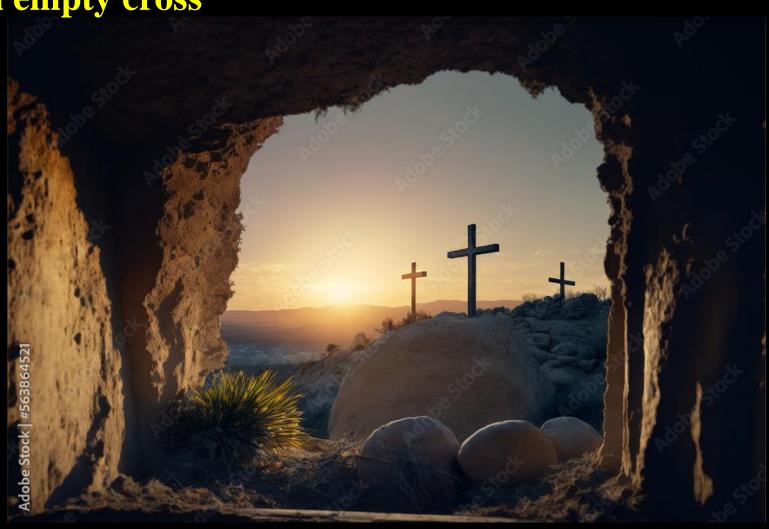
**John 12:46** 

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

#### A. An empty manger



B. An empty cross



#### C. An empty tomb



#### D. To fill empty hearts

