

**The Birth of Jesus**  
**What is my response to Jesus?**  
**Luke 2:1-21**  
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Jesus' birth brought various responses! His birth, life, death and resurrection brought, and continue to bring, various responses as well. This morning we ask, "What is my response to Jesus?"

Do you know that the birth of Jesus is not only spoken of in the Bible, but in other places and through other people too?

**Jesus' birth drew \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7)**

"Augustus Caesar was ruling, but God was in charge, for He used Caesar's edict to move Mary and Joseph eighty miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem to fulfill His Word. Rome took a census every fourteen years for both military and tax purposes, and each Jewish male had to return to the city of his fathers to record his name, occupation, property, and family." ~ **Warren Wiersbe**

*Bethlehem* means "house of bread"; the ideal birthplace for the Bread of Life (John 6:35).

Mary's response to Jesus birth was \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."*      **Luke 1:38**

Joseph's response at first was to bow out because of respect for Mary. However, after being visited by the angel, Joseph saw the bigger picture. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ and married Mary.

*<sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>24</sup> Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,    **Matthew 1:19, 24***

Is my response to God **complete obedience**?

**Jesus' birth drew \_\_\_\_\_ from Heaven (Luke 2:7-14)**

The angels' response was to \_\_\_\_\_ God!

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."*      **Luke 2:13-14**

Is my response to God that of **praise**?

**Jesus' birth drew \_\_\_\_\_ from the fields (Luke 2:15-20)**

The shepherd's response was to get the \_\_\_\_\_ out concerning Jesus' birth and to glorify Him.

*Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning the child.*      **Luke 2:17**

*Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.* **Luke 2:20**

These shepherds are good examples for us to imitate today. They received, by faith, the message God sent them and then responded with immediate obedience. After finding the Baby, they reported the good news to others, "glorifying and praising God." *They took the place of the angels!* Then they humbly returned to their duties; new men going back to the same old job.

Is my response to get the **word out** about Jesus and **praise** Him?

**Jesus' birth drew \_\_\_\_\_ from the East. (Matthew 2:1-12)**

*And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasure, they presented Him; gold, frankincense and myrrh.* **Matthew 2:11**

The Magi's response was to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and bring Him gifts.

Is my response to **worship** the Lord? Is my response to use the **gifts** He has given me to serve Him and others?

**Jesus' birth brought \_\_\_\_\_ out of Herod (Matthew 2:12-18)**

*Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.* **Matthew 2:16**

Herod's response was that he sought to kill Jesus. Herod was jealous. He sought to silence the "Good News." It didn't work.

Is my response to Jesus that of "**hostility**"?

*I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.* **Revelation 3:15-16**

This morning, what is my response to Jesus? What am I doing with Jesus? How or what is Jesus leading me to? Am I being obedient or hostile to God's plan?

2,000 years later the birth of Jesus is still drawing people. It has caused some people to fully surrender themselves. It has caused some committing their whole life to prove that Jesus was a fake or just another man. It has caused others heartache that if they accept or trust in Jesus then things will have to change.

The right response is to call out for Jesus' Grace, walk in it, die to our self and serve Him.

**Response to Jesus always calls for an action, to what action has God called you? This is for unbelievers and non believers alike!**