

A Closer Look

Luke 2:1-7

12/22/19

The _____ Setting - v1-3

- In those days; Who issued the decree?
 - o During his reign he was also known as a _____
- Caesar's ruling forced Joseph and Mary to be in Bethlehem.
- God was _____ him.
- Why would Joseph and Mary do this in the dead of winter?
- What a journey! History is HIS - STORY!

The _____ Setting - v4-5

- Bethlehem, Israel. Don't mean much / will birth a _____!
- *"goings forth are from long ago from the days of eternity."*
- Bethlehem off the beaten _____ (Luke 1:27 & 2:4)
- Why did Mary have to go?
- Joseph knew the truth from the Angel (Matthew 1).

The _____ Setting - v6-7

- They likely stayed at a _____.
- **"she gave birth"** No hospital, no mom, no family,
- What a _____ to all that Christmas has become today.
 - o *Philippians 2:5-7*
- Jesus is the first born - He had the right to the throne!
- She laid Him in a manger! - A place for the animals to stay
- Imagine what Joseph must have felt that night.
- The God of the universe came into the world this way so we might have the greatest gift of all – eternal life!

Luke 2:8-12, 16-20