

## Hidden Difficulty -- **“Peace on Earth”**

**Luke 2:1** Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.

**2** This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

**3** And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.

**4** Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

**Micah 5:2** “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *too* little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.

**5** in order to register  along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was ~~with child~~ **pregnant**.

**6** While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

**Galatians 4:4** When the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of {just} a woman

**7** And she gave birth ~~to her firstborn son~~ to **her son – her firstborn**; and she wrapped Him in {her burial} cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because ~~there was no room~~ there **were** no **rooms** for them in the inn.

**8** In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

**9** And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

**10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people

**11** for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**12** "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

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

**14**                    **KJV**    Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
                          **NIV**    Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.  
                          **RSV & NASB**    Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased  
**Critical Greek Text**    Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those **who have received His favor.**

**Byzantine Text, Textus Receptus, KJV:**    eudokia

**Critical Greek Text:**    eudokias

**Psalms 14:2** The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

**3** They have all ~~turned aside~~ turned **to the side** {*i.e.*, sideways}, together they have become {physically} corrupt

**Isaiah 48:22** "There is no peace for the wicked," says the LORD

**Isaiah 57:20** But the wicked are like the tossing sea, for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up refuse and mud

**Jude 10, 12, 13** These men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed. . . . without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up their own torment like foam; wandering stars, for whom **thick, heavy**, black darkness has been reserved forever.

**Colossians 1:21** And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in ~~evil~~ **self-absorbed** deeds,

**22** yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach-

**2 Corinthians 5:21** He {God the Father} made Him {God the Son} who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we ~~might~~ **would** become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Psalms 29:11** The LORD will bless His people with peace.

**Matthew 1:21** "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus,  
for He will save His people from their sins."