

### Hope For Those Who Have the Least

Luke 2.1-20

Christmas is over-commercialized. I know, “Tell me something I don’t know, Phil!” For Madison Avenue and retailers, it’s the season to make money! But the story of the birth of the Savior of the world has a very different focus: It’s all about hope for those who have the least.

#### The Birth of Royalty: Not What You’d Expect

#### Where Jesus Came From, and Why He Came

#### A Message to Share, An Example to Follow



## Digging Deeper

In 2 Corinthians 8.9, we read, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.”

1. To get a glimpse of how Jesus was “rich,” and the full extent of how He became “poor,” meditate on Philippians 2.5-8:

*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

Although it’s impossible for us to begin to grasp, imagine what it was like for Jesus to exist *eternally* in absolute holiness, and give it all up to become a helpless baby, and grow up to face the cross.

2. Jesus ‘became poor’ so that we might ‘become rich.’ What are just some of the ways you have “become rich”?

I have \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3.16; Romans 6.23).

I am a \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:12; 1 John 3:1).

The \_\_\_\_\_ lives in me 2 Cor. 2.12; 1 Cor. 6:19).

My \_\_\_\_\_ are all \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 1.7; Col. 2:13).

I’ve been given \_\_\_\_\_ to serve God and others (1 Cor. 12:7).

I am \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:29; Eph. 1:13).

I have access to \_\_\_\_\_ at any time (Heb. 2.14-16; Eph. 2.18).

Thank the Lord everyday for the many blessings you have in Him!