

## **Series: The Calls of Christmas**

*The Call to Labor*

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1. Video: *The Real Night before Christmas*

<https://vimeo.com/80034886>

2. *In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria). Luke 2:1-2*

3. The birth of Jesus is fact, not fiction.  
The birth of Jesus has an historical context.

4. Because He is a man – Jesus can act as our representative before God (Heb. 5 + 7).  
Because He is a man – Jesus can show us how to live an obedient and humble life.  
Because He is God – Jesus is able to show us what God is like.  
Because He is God – Jesus is able to absorb the burden of our sin and restore our relationship with God.

5. *And everyone went to his town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David (Luke 2:3-4).*

6. *"Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever" (2 Samuel 7:16).*

7. *"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times" (Micah 5:2).*

8. Jesus is born exactly where David was born!  
*He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born... (Luke 2:5-6).*

9. Joseph and Mary labored to get her to labor.

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12. ...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7).

13. Jesus was born in humble circumstances

14. Optional (ie. let's have it ready!).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suowe2czxcA&fbclid=IwAR3M3JrkwehgSINquvbYtkysyOUF1ZPwiQIjwVQDwP5aVMROsVmD3gjxHf0>