

Manger Danger

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Luke 2:1-7 (NLT)

1 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **2** (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **4** And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **5** He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. **6** And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **7** She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Luke 2:34-35 (NKJV)

34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against **35** (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

John 1:14 (NKJV)

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Luke 1:35 (NKJV)

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

THE TWO DANGEROUS VERSES OF LUKE & JOHN

FIRST OF ALL, JESUS IS _____ (JOHN 1:14).
As God He cannot be ignored.

SECONDLY, JESUS IS _____ (LUKE 1:35).
This means He is not some distant God but is a personal Savior.

CHRIST BORN IN A MANGER MEANS NO PLACE OR PERSON IS TOO MESSY, TOO DIRTY, TOO DISTANT FOR HIS LOVE AND GRACE. Jesus is at home with the sick, the poor, the hurting, the broken, or the rich and the powerful.