

“PREGNANCY & PROVIDENCE”

Luke

2:1-7

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I. How does God solve the problem of Mary being in Nazareth? (vv. 1-5)

“A decree went out from Caesar Augustus ... should be registered.”

“All went to be registered, each to his own town.”

God works in & thru a broken _____ to fulfill His _____.

Micah 5:2

Matthew 1:19

Acts 5:37

“Nor is the Providence of God less wonderful in employing the mandate of a tyrant to draw Mary from home, that the prophecy may be fulfilled.”

-John Calvin

“The meaning is, that the Jews were far more heavily oppressed than they had formerly been.”

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II. Was all well when they arrived in Bethlehem? (vv. 6-7)

“the time came for her to give birth”

“there was no place for them in the guest room”

Jesus came to a broken _____ in a broken world to rescue _____.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Philippians 2:5-7

“Already he embraces the life of poverty, rejection and weakness that must be his in order to be our Savior.”

-Douglas Milne

“The Savior who dies on a shameful cross was placed in a lowly trough for barn animals when he was born.”

-Mark Strauss

