



“THE UNEXPECTED GIFT”

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Have you ever received a totally unexpected gift?

What is so unexpected about Jesus’ coming?

The Unexpected Gift

I. Jesus was born in an _____.

Luke 2:1–3, 6–7 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... 6 While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (NASB)

II. Jesus was born to _____.

Luke 2:4–5 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, 5 in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. (NASB)

III. Jesus came to _____.

Luke 2:8–12 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." (NASB)

Main point: _____.



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Something to take home and chew on!

1. When have you ever received a totally unexpected gift? What was it? What did it mean to you?

2. When have you been surprised by Jesus? Surprised by grace?

3. Where are you looking for Jesus? Do you expect to find Jesus in the families that have everything put together in the world's eyes? Or do you see Jesus at work in the lives of those who are in need of a Savior?

4. Do you ever think you need to get everything right in your family or your life before Jesus will come into your life? When do you act like this? How would you act differently if you believed that Jesus comes for the undeserving?

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ANSWER KEY:

- I. **UNEXPECTED PLACE**
 - II. **UNEXPECTED FAMILY**
 - III. **UNEXPECTED GUESTS**
- Main point: **JESUS WILL SURPRISE YOU.**