

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday December 21, 2025

Reading: Luke 2:1-7

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we visit Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus in a very understated manger, in more ways than one! Click here: [Week 51 Video](#)
Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- In this week's EBC, we look ahead to Christmas, and the arrival of the Baby Jesus. Luke's account is the only Gospel that mentions the manger.
- The story is exceedingly simple and short: the time for Mary to give birth arrives while Mary and Joseph are in Bethlehem.
- Jesus is born, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, because there was no room for them in the guest house (or inn). After these verses, Luke moves on to shepherds, and Matthew moves on to wise men, but as for the actual birth in a stable, Christ's nativity coming is four lines long, in the entire Bible!

Two Questions

- In the years since Christ's birth, countless stories have shone on Mary's and Joseph's arduous journey, Bethlehem's overcrowding, a kindly and problem-solving innkeeper, granting them space in a humble barn, and then, the lowly position of a Baby born in a manger. As true as all of that is, none of that story is expanded (even though Luke just spent 80 verses on the preparation for Christmas with Zechariah, Elizabeth, Gabriel, Joseph, Mary, and John). Why do you think Luke is so understated about the actual (rather remarkable) events of Christ's birth?
- What is your enduring image of Jesus' birth? Why? What was the importance of Jesus' unique and lowly birth to Mary? To the shepherds and wisemen? What is its importance to you?

Action Step

- Have fun this Christmas! Watch out for the smallest moments, with the least fanfare. They can be the greatest gifts of love!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!