



IS EVERYTHING READY FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS?

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During our last show, we talked about **Slide 2** the angel Gabriel announcing that **Slide 3** God had chosen Mary to be the mother of Jesus. This baby was not just any baby, for He was **Slide 4** the promised Savior, the Son **Slide 5** of the greatest of all kings, the Son of God.

Slide 6 Mary lived with Joseph in **Slide 7** the small town of Nazareth.

She was preparing **Slide 8** for the arrival of her baby as the time for giving birth was getting closer.

But what she did not know was that, above the sky, God **Slide 9** was preparing the coming of this baby as well and today, we are going to see how He is going to shake everything up so that this birth unfolds **Slide 10** as He had announced through the prophets.

At the end of the story, you will be able to answer this question: **Slide 11** Why did God want things to be **Slide 12** so simple? You can read it again at the beginning **Slide 13** of the Gospel of Luke.

Slide 14 THE BABY WILL BE BORN SOON, IS EVERYTHING READY?

Slide 15 No, not everything is like God has planned! He had announced **Slide 16** through a prophet that the promised Savior was to be **Slide 17** born in Bethlehem, but, remember, Mary and Joseph, lived **Slide 18** in Nazareth. So how will God do to make what He has planned come to pass?

Well, **Slide 19** it's in Rome, hundreds of miles from Nazareth, that God is going to make things happen. **Slide 20** The emperor will decide to take a census. He wants to know the number of inhabitants of his immense empire.

And that is how, **Slide 21** one day, Roman soldiers have arrived in Nazareth.

Slide 22 And they shouted "Here is the Emperor's decree! Each one of you must go register in his family's hometown. **Slide 23** This is the census!"

To go to our family's hometown would mean **Slide 24** for Joseph and Mary, to go to Bethlehem. **Slide 25** Bethlehem is the city of their parents. They only see this as an order from the emperor, but actually, you might guess, behind all of this, this is God's plan.

They have no choice! They would get their things ready and **Slide 26** they would be on their way to this great journey on foot.

When, finally they see **Slide 27** the first houses in Bethlehem. What a relief!

Now, **Slide 28** all they have to do is to find a place to rest.

They don't know **Slide 29** what God has planned.

Slide 30 Joseph knocked on the door of the inn:

Slide 31 "We are full, said the innkeeper, There are no more rooms left, with all this people arriving here due to the census !

Slide 32 We can't greet you!

Slide 33 Marie is tired and Joseph is very worried. **Slide 34** What can they do? **Slide 35**

Where to go? There is no other hostel, no hotel. And the baby who will be born very soon.

Slide 36 "There is the barn," said the innkeeper. At least you'll be safe there.

A barn! Is it possible? This baby, the son of God who created everything, to whom everything belongs, is He going to be born in a barn? Isn't there any other better place on earth **Slide 37** to welcome Him?

Joseph places Mary as best as possible on fresh straw and **Slide 38** in the manger he spreads some clean hay and covers **Slide 39** it with a cloth: this will be the baby's cradle.

Slide 40 And that night, in the barn, the first cries **Slide 41** of a newborn baby were heard.

Jesus was born. He left the glory of heaven and there He is on earth! He came to live among men.

Slide 42 Mary is swaddling her baby, she is making him suckle, she is rocking him tenderly

Slide 43 and is laying him down the manger while Joseph is looking at them kindly and in a fascinating way.

Everything just happened **Slide 44** as God said but no one realized it.

And now one in the world knows **Slide 45** that Jesus the promised saviour, has just been born. Neither in Rome, nor in Jerusalem, **Slide 46** not even **Slide 47** in Bethlehem.

In our next stories, we will see how God himself, **Slide 48** will do, to let people know. He has extraordinary powers no one could ever imagine. So see you soon!

Slide 49 **1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!**

*Have you seen any photos or reports about the birth **Slide 50** of a royal child?*

*A beautifully dressed baby, **Slide 51** surrounded by the best cares, living in the comfort such*

as in a palace, **Slide 52** where everything is magnificent!

And in our story... Have you noticed?

On the one hand, we speak about the birth of the son of God, **Slide 53** of Jesus, the king of kings. And on the other hand, we discovered that this birth did not take place in a palace, not even in an inn, but ... yes! **Slide 54** In a barn, he is lying on straw!

Yes!... Jesus was born into a very ordinary family, and in the simplest possible way, far away from wealth.

What do you think of all this? ...

Yes, this story shows us **Slide 55** how simple everything is with God.

Slide 56 But, why did God want everything to be so simple? That's our question.

Well, you got it, if He had come like a prince, no one could have come near Him. **Slide 57**

You will see, throughout our broadcasts, how He has lived on earth in the greatest simplicity.

Slide 58 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

Have you noticed the conditions intended by God for the coming of his Son?

The family... the place of birth... Isn't that surprising?

The choice of such a family and such a place enlightens us on the very nature of God: He reveals himself **Slide 59** as the God accessible to all men, for us, for children, for our children.

With God, there are no barriers, no protocol, no tricks, everything is so simple! It is up to each one of us to come close to him and encourage our children to do the same.

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