

THE REAL CHRISTMAS

Luke 2:1-7

I. The History of Christmas

- 4th Century — Bishop of Rome
- Saturnalia — Winter Festival
- Norsemen — Yuletide
- England / Druids — Mistletoe
- Germany / Luther — The Tree
- Holland / St. Nicholas — Stockings
- England — Caroling, Christmas Cards

II. The Settings of Christmas

A. The World Setting (vs. 1-3)

- Rome — Caesar Augustus
- Pax Romana — Roman Peace
- Census — Apographe

B. The Nation Setting

- Herod
- Micah 5:2
- Bethlehem — City of David

C. The Personal Setting

- 3 – 5 Day Walk
- Inn = Shelter
- Philippians 2:5-8