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*the pinnacle...*



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## **Luke 2:1-7** *The birth of Jesus*

- 1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.
- 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
- 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town.
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,
- 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.



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- 6 And while they were there,  
the time came for her to give birth.
- 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped  
Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger,  
because there was not room for them in the inn.



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# Joy is...

...the enormous delight of being defined by the unearned kindness of God in a way that obliterates fear and replaces it a deep sense of satisfaction in our soul.

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