



Heart Issues: Even the Lowly
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Christ (Messiah) means anointed one.
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Luke 2 teaches us that:

Jesus purposefully came to those who no one would choose
Jesus would bring salvation, and division.
Jesus came to teach people about God.

Psalms 118:6-7 NLT The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me? ⁷ Yes, the Lord is for me; He will help me. I will look in triumph at those who hate me.

God invites, we investigate, God reveals.

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Luke 2:1-7 NLT At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

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Luke 2:8-20 NLT That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize Him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." ¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, ¹⁹ but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. ²⁰ The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

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Matthew 2:11 NLT They entered the house and saw the child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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Luke 2:25-35 NLT At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required,²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.³⁰ I have seen your salvation,³¹ which you have prepared for all people.³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and He is the glory of your people Israel!"³³ Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about Him.³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose Him.³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."

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Luke 2 teaches us that Jesus would bring salvation, but He would also bring division.

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Luke 2:41-52 NLT Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.⁴² When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual.⁴³ After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss Him at first,⁴⁴ because they assumed He was among the other travelers. But when He didn't show up that evening, they started looking for Him among their relatives and friends.⁴⁵ When they couldn't find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for Him there.⁴⁶ Three days later they finally discovered Him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions.⁴⁷ All who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.⁴⁸ His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," His mother said to Him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."⁴⁹ "But why did you need to search?" He asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"⁵⁰ But they didn't understand what He meant.⁵¹ Then He returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And His mother stored all these things in her heart.⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

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