## The Birth of Jesus

In Luke 2:1-20, we read the story of Jesus' birth in the manger. His parents, Mary & Joseph, have traveled to register and Mary goes into labor. Not having an open room, they find a manger stall where Jesus is born among the animals. Reading this made me think of the 3 times I rode to the hospital to have my own babies. I was filled with worry, hope and excitement. Mary and Joseph must have been filled with those same emotions. However, when the shepherds came to them and told them that their new baby was the Messiah – WOW. I wonder what their emotions were at the point, but I am guessing they could not fully comprehend what this would be mean for their life and Jesus'.

The little baby Jesus grew up to be the Savior of the world. We worship Him; pray to Him; eat His body and blood in communion; and serve Him. His life and death for us is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

Merry Christmas to you all.

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