

Luke 2-3

Ch 2

Theme – Birth of Jesus; how God arranged for Lord to be born in Bethlehem; no room in the inn (outcast/ rejected from birth); angel appears to shepherds in the field (fringes of society); Baby in a manger is a sign; angelic choir sings; shepherds go immediately to find this Baby; Mary ponders these things in her heart; Baby Jesus circumcised & named; presented at the Temple; Simeon (Holy Spirit was upon him) & Anna prophesy over Baby Jesus; family returns to Nazareth; Joseph & Mary faithfully go to Jerusalem for Passover; 12 yr old Jesus stays behind; Jesus interacts with the rabbis in the Temple Mount – people are astonished!; “Did you not know I needed to be about My Father’s business”; Lord Jesus returns to Nazareth under their stewardship

Ch 3

Theme – Ministry of John the Baptist begins (time markers put this as 28 or 29 A.D.); hard word to crowd; crowd responds, “What should we do?”; JTB responds with three “other-centered” statements; JTB confirms he is not the Messiah for the Messiah is greater; arrest of JTB (explaining why his ministry ends); Lord Jesus is baptized; genealogy of Jesus going back to Adam (deviation in v31 from Matt 1:6)
