

Listening Guide

“The Christmas Story”- Luke 2

1. The United States today is a nation where 65% of the population consider themselves _____, at least in a cultural sense.
2. The Luke story is taken from what Christians call the _____.
3. The first four books of the New Testament are called the _____, and they narrate the life of Jesus of Nazareth.
4. The Bible is not written by one person in chronological order; Luke is the _____ New Testament book to be written.
5. He actually is the only _____ to write a piece of Sacred Text in the New Testament.
6. Luke actually traveled to Rome with Paul when he was _____ and transported and ultimately killed.
7. He features a lot of the _____ in the Bible; even in the beginning of this story, we start with a _____.
8. Luke highlights the monologues of Jesus where he talks about the _____, money and _____ in general.
9. What Luke has set out to do is to draw for us a _____ of this man named Jesus Christ who he is rhetorically defending.
10. Matthew depicts Jesus as a _____, and at his birth the reigning Herod trembles on his throne.
11. The book begins introducing two obscure peasants and gives the genealogy of an _____.
12. The story unfolds in _____ parts: the first part, verses one through seven, _____ the birth of Jesus.
13. It takes place in a little town called _____.
14. Google Maps says it would take _____ day and _____ hours to walk it.
15. There's Caesar Augustus, the _____ of Rome, and then there's Jesus Christ, the _____ of man.
16. The Roman imperial culture dominated and _____ all people during the famed Pax Romana.

17. Luke, when he is writing this account, is actually in _____, the center of the worship of Caesar.
18. Augustus had brought _____ to the world, the Pax Augusta, and in gratitude people celebrated his birthday.
19. Luke is saying there is hope for a real _____, and that _____ does not originate in Rome nor anyone born in Rome.
20. After Jesus is born, Herod, who had heard about a potential threat to the _____, demanded that all boys under the age of two be murdered.
21. There is no place for two _____ from Nazareth, and perhaps it was an act of generosity on the part of somebody to extend the barn to them.
22. The theme of being an _____ has already been established in the first chapter.
23. The point could not be more well-established that the Christ entering the world is choosing to enter the world far _____ the power and social structures of the day.
24. There is something _____ outside the experience you are living.
25. The account is brief and simple; the shepherds are given a sign that will let them know they have found the _____ child.
26. Later Jesus would be called the _____ of God.
27. The first words are, "Don't be _____."
28. The first to visit them are humble and nameless _____ that they don't know.
29. Someone from another dimension, beyond the _____ that govern this world, has the power to interject a new plan of peace; and that is the good news.
30. "For unto you is born this day in the City of David a _____ which is Christ the Lord."