



The Nativity, Alesso Baldovinetti, Fra Angelico, and assistants, c. 1441

The Birth of Christ

Luke

2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed....

2:3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

2:5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused [*betrothed*] wife, being great with child.

2:6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.



The Nativity, c. 1200