

## "In Remembrance Of His Mercy"

Luke 2: 1 - 7

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### God Has Acted In Remembrance Of His Mercy Promised To His People, (vs. 1: 54 - 55)

- God brought about the promised birth of the Child of mercy unnoticed by the world, (vs. 2: 1 - 7)
  - A. God's sovereign promises are unaffected by the plans & schedules of the world, (vs. 1 - 5); *"When they heard these words, some of the people said, 'This really is the Prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Christ.' But some said, 'Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?'"* So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."" (John 7:40-49, ESV)
  
  - B. God's sovereign promises are fulfilled at the time He has chosen, (vs. 6 - 7); *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"* So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." (Galatians 4:4-7, ESV)

- God revealed the birth of the Child of mercy to those who were unacceptable in the world, (vs. 8 - 20)
- God demonstrated His faithfulness to bring about the reign of the Child of mercy over His people, (vs. 21 - 38)