

When God Shows Up in Unconventional Ways
Luke 2:1-21 NLT / December 21, 2025
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THE UNCONVENTIONAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING + CHRISTMAS STORY

Unconventional | *Not based on or conforming to what is generally done, believed, or expected*

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VERSES 1-5

Augustus Caesar—Son of God, Prince of Peace, Good News + Advent

Census—tax season!

Heading to Bethlehem from Nazareth (70 miles!)

Micah 5:2 NLT

VERSES 6-7

Understanding the *kataluma* (guest room/inn)

VERSES 8-14

Shepherds-- socially insignificant, religiously unclean, legally unreliable witnesses

Good News...Great Joy...For All People

Savior...Messiah...Lord

VERSES 15-19

"Let's go!" They hurried!

They saw and then went and told. People were "astonished." Why?

Mary 'kept' (treasured/pondered) these things in her heart.

VERSE 20

Why is it significant that they "went back" to their fields? What changed?

The first sound from God in 400 years was the cry of a baby—talk about vulnerability!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2025 Just like the shepherds didn't keep the good news to themselves, we don't want to keep God's generosity to ourselves. The Christmas Offering is our response to what we've seen and heard.