

**Series: Promises Fulfilled**  
**Sovereign God, Humble Savior**  
**Text: Luke 2:1-7**

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**Main Idea:** *Jesus was born as a baby in a lowly manger so that he could fully identify with fallen man and fully satisfy God's wrath against our sinful rebellion.*

**Sermon Outline:**

I. The Iron Grip of Rome (Luke 2:1–2)

II. The Sovereign Hand of God (Luke 2:3–7)

III. The Purposes of God in a Feeding Trough

A. The manger is a sign that Jesus was nothing like Caesar Augustus. (Luke 2:1–7)

B. The manger reveals the true depths of Christ's humility. (Philippians 2:5–8)

C. The manger reminds us that Jesus came to end sin without ending us. (Hebrews 2:14–18)