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of
Paradox*

*I love to tell the story of unseen things
above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus
and His love...*

Luke 2:1-20

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Exposition

- **Historical Setting (vs. 1-3)**
 - Caesar Augustus
 - The census
 - Quirinius
- **Jesus' Birth (vs. 4-7)**
 - Up to Bethlehem
 - Born in an inn – placed in a manger
- **Glorious Announcement (vs. 8-20)**
 - Shepherds
 - *Shekinah* glory returns

Paradox and Contrast: Personal Application

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- Not a man who wanted to be a god, but God who chose to become a man...
- Caesar thought he was in control, but God is the only One truly on the throne and Caesar was just His errand boy...
- No room for Jesus in the inn, but plenty of room on the cross...
- Shepherds now watch the true Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world...
- God delights to reveal Himself to the lowly,