



Caesar Augustus

The first person mentioned in the Christmas story is the Emperor of Rome. He never even heard the name of the baby born in Bethlehem who's at the center of the story. But when Augustus died, Jesus would have been about 19 years old, an apprenticed carpenter with Joseph in Nazareth.

Augustus would have been astounded to know the date of his own death is recorded as occurring in 14 AD—meaning *the year of our Lord*, instead of 767 A.U.C. (Latin for the *founding of the city*).

Caesar thought everything revolved around him, not a baby born in some backwater village. But time has a way of changing things and Christmas changes all things.

When Jesus was born, the angels called it an event of great joy, God has come to mankind, and upon mankind the favor of God rests!

This is Pastor Stephen Chitty from Christian Life. Remember, ***Life Matters***, and so do you!