

FR.TK.HOMILY CHRISTMAS DAY 25th DECEMBER YEAR -C-2024:

HERE COMES THE SAVIOUR:

It is typical a Country/State will have census for better running and organization. The administrators will use the information to adjust and meet the need of the citizens. It was normal for people to go to their ancestral village for this exercise.

Today we are being faced with such situation as we encounter Joseph and Mary traveling all the way from Nazareth to their ancestral place Bethlehem in Judea. This was not done with modern means like cars, train, bodabodas (cycles) or airplane, it was either by foot or if luck enough mule or donkey.

The ups, downs, tiredness and constraints of the long journey constituted and brought labor pains for the already inexperienced poor young woman Mary who was expectant with her first child.

Reaching Bethlehem, they couldn't even find a place to relax, all the motels, inns were full since they didn't have reservation as it would be these days. The expectant mother started having labor pains at night, poor Joseph had to seek refuge in a stable, there was no 911, 99, emergency ambulance, no midwife, Nurse or Doctor. Joseph took charge of the situation and safe guarded his wife and the child to be born. This is how and where the Saviour of the world was born. We see the role and dedication of a committed husband and father. We must learn so much from Joseph.

When God wanted to save the humanity after falling, He didn't come as God but took humanity that he might elevate it into his divinity. This is the great mystery of **incarnation (God becoming**

man) God had seen the humanity he had created with a lot of **dignity and majesty of his likeness,being disfigured,dishorted** by sin,he became flesh to reverse,**restore,repair,renovate and rebuilt** the process destroyed by sin.This is all about Christmas.Jesus was born to **rebuild and restore**.Christmas then means our past doesn't have to be our future.God has given **purpose and reason for our life** hence we can now be forgiven.

Jesus transformed the stable of **darkness to place of light,hope and peace**.He came to return that dignity,majesty,purpose and grace dishorted by sin.

The Saviour of the very world he came to redeem and safe, never gave him a place and space to be born.He is asking us this Christmas whether we are going to give him **space in our heart,home,place of work** or are we going to leave him in coldness and darkness.

Our song today should be **maranatha(Come lord Jesus)**.You may not have been coming to the church,due to scandals,doctrine and even misunderstanding,the child Jesus welcomes you today.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL: