

**"Imagine pt 1 His Story"  
Matthew 2 and Luke 2  
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We all know the story don't we....

It is a story that forces us to make a choice

Jesus wasn't born in a vacuum

*"In those days Caesar Augustus ..." Luke 2:1  
"...during the time of King Herod," Matthew 2:1*

**ROME:**

Brittan to India: The boundaries of the world are Rome

Ruled with an iron fist  
Pompey: 64 BC: 12 million, 1500

Various: Sepharius (city 3 miles from Nazareth): 2000 crosses

Magdala: 30,000 slaves

Goal: rule the world gather wealth

**Caesars:**

Julius, Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Vespasian, Titus (destroyed the temple),  
Domitian

Augustus ruled during the time of Jesus birth

Matthew and Luke: want to connect the hearers of the birth of Jesus with a much larger story

It is the story of revolution: one kingdom against another  
Luke 4

Choice is still today; there is another way to live!

Imagine a world at peace, a world of love, a world of hope, a world of joy.